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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE
BY
TERRY RODERICK**

I'd like to begin this article by congratulating Col. Jack Daniel and his family on his induction to the Ranger Hall of Fame. In addition, the families of John McCoy and Santos Matos represented these deceased 1999 Ranger Hall of Fame inductees in grand fashion at this year's Ranger Rendezvous. Mike McCoy's acceptance speech for his father was very touching and moved the entire crowd. Mrs. Matos and her lovely family were there and she looked regal in accepting the honor for her husband. The whole 1999 Ranger Rendezvous was a real enjoyable event as usual. I'd like to thank Renee Thibodeau, who attended her first ever reunion, for joining us and adding to the fun and brotherhood this year. Her brother, SSgt. Wallate Fred Thibodeau was KIA on July 19, 1969, while serving with K/75th. In addition, the 4th Division LRP's and K/75th had quite a nice group assemble, many for the first time, this year and it was real nice watching them enjoy the renewing of friendships and the makings of new ones for them all. Every year has it's high spots and this one was no different. However, I get ahead of myself here.

Since the last article I wrote for this "rag" was published, a lot has happened. I will try to go through it all in the allotted space and not bore you with too many details. Jim Testerman, another K/75th Ranger came into town and contacted me. We had a nice lunch together at a local Longhorn's and found out we had mutual friends from his time in this AO growing up. I tried to get him in touch with one of his old "running buddies" who Jim only remembered by his nickname. Leroy Pipkin has been making the rounds during the C/75th Reunion and 99 Ranger Rendezvous and with the "Patrolling" newsletter, trying to get the word out about the Long Distance Service, "QUEST" that he is involved with. I have changed my long distance carrier to Quest now, and have not noticed any difference in service or quality. I would urge you all to think about this and take a look at the application and news flyer in the newsletter last issue (and possibly in this one as I have not seen the final layout yet). We have over 1000 members now and if we can get half of you to change over, it will make us over \$1000 per month plus for the Association.

It's a great way to raise funds painlessly as we all have to have long distance phone service. You may contact Leroy or his friend, Craig Brucks if you have any questions. It seems fairly safe and I'd hope you will give it a try. The contact information is on the application. I support it and recommend the service as it can be a nice subtle fund-raiser for the Association that we don't have in place right now.

We have set our dates for the 2000 Reunion, July 5-8, 2000 in Savannah, Georgia. That's a Wednesday through Saturday night. In order to make a lot of things happen simultaneously, we have only a very limited time frame and these are the dates we have come up with. It is right smack dab in the middle of the summer and around the 4th of July holiday. We know that the dates will not be convenient for some, as it is that way each time we do this. We had to make concessions to the 1st Battalion's training and leave times to make it work, and we plan to have our 2000 Reunion Banquet in conjunction with the 1st Battalion's Annual Ranger Ball. To get a facility large enough for our own banquet was hard, but with the 1st Bn. taking "block leave" the week after we leave, it seemed appropriate to join the two dinners together and right before they go on leave. It is a slower time for the battalion and it will give them a chance to host us in the manner which they wish to do it. It will give the members a chance to see some of the sacred Ranger ceremonies, like the making of the Ranger Punch in the "official" Ranger punchbowl. This is a long time tradition that many of us Vietnam era guys have never seen before. It will be a coat and tie affair, so let's break that stuff out one more time guys and do it for one night. I was at the 1st Bn. Ball this year and it's sort of neat seeing all the guys in their dress blues, and Class A's, along with the many, many beautiful gals they bring with them. I know it's a bit different scenario for us, but it will be a memorable time I'm sure. We are still working out the details for this, but be ready to make your reservations early and don't miss out on this "MASTER BLAST" we will have in Savannah.

Later next year, 2000, will be the "50th Anniversary of the Airborne Ranger" and this will be held during the 2000 Ranger Rendezvous, which is scheduled for October 2000 at Ft. Benning. We will have much more information on this event as the time gets nearer and the plans begin to solidify for the event. It will be the Korean Era

Ranger's (RICA) opportunity to shine and have the spotlight. I think they are very deserving and it is well earned. We would like to support the event by having as many of our members attend as possible next Fall. Many will only be able to make our reunion, but please think about it and see if you can make it out and support it if possible. It promises to be a large celebration and one you won't want to miss.

Our Association sent 15 children of active duty soldiers at Ft. Benning, who have AIDS or are HIV positive, to a Summer Camp the first weekend in August. I was approached by Nancy Beam, the wife of the 3rd Bn. CSM, Ralph Beam, a while back and asked if we could donate and send maybe one child. The price was \$100 and I said sure. The Association sent 3 kids with our funds, and the other \$1200 was raised by your esteemed Unit Directors and friends of this Association. It says a lot about the people and friends this Association is fortunate to have. I'd like to personally thank each and every one of you who helped out in this little project. It at least gives these kids a few days of peace and time to spend with other kids who face the same problems day in and day out. We can't cure all the world's ill's, but we do like to help out selected projects from time to time and this one was for our soldiers and their families.

The issue of the Ranger Tab is with us again, though at this point, it is still "unofficial" as far as the Association goes. Our VP, David Weeks, was able to get us some documents that have evidently been around since early 1998, after the Board met and made their recommendations. To my knowledge, and that of others directly involved, none of us ever got any sort of "official" contact as far as this issue goes, but we do have paperwork with names, dates, and recommendations that seems genuine and lets us know what the Board recommended. To make 7 pages short, they turned us down again for the award of the Ranger Tab. They did recommend, "that the LRP/LRRP's, and Rangers from the Vietnam era should be aligned with the lineage and honors of the current 75th Ranger Regiment. Once this is accomplished, then the current authorized insignia should be retroactively authorized for war by recognized Ranger-type units. In this manner, all "Rangers" will have a common linkage and heritage through the 75th Ranger Regiment." I think some

**VICE PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE
BY
DAVID F. WEEKS**

Hi Brothers,

Man where did the time go? Summer is better than half over. I for one am not looking forward to that cold, wet white stuff Snow is just plain unnatural.

Well in May I put my garden in and Gail did all the flower beds around the house. What a job, but we really enjoy it. We have our own little getaway in our back yard. My Brother, Tom, calls our back yard a jungle refuge because we have so many tree's shrubs, flowers, plants, rocks and quartz crystals in it. It's private, and that's what we like.

My reserve unit in May and June had some high-speed training in preparation for our annual training at Ft. Benning. Also in June we went to Ft. Benning and did what the army pays us to do. This year I certified on every class we give. This was the last year for the M-60. Just like when the army retired the colt 1911, 45 cal., I really hate to see it go. Besides giving classes on the M-60, we give them on the M-249, M-240B, M-203 the 50 cal. and the M-9 pistol. We give our classes to Basic and AIT troops on the range, then we fire them and supervise the cleaning of the weapons.

The month of July was reserve training and a week of vacation. Most of our vacation we stayed at home, but did manage to go up north for a few days. We spent one full day on the beach of Lake Michigan. Gail and I picked up a lot of rocks. The van set pretty low on the way home. We're putting in a pond with a waterfall in the backyard and the rocks will come in handy. Of course Gail and I are rock hounds and we pick up rocks and crystals whenever we travel. I'll leave it at that and continue the mission, out here.



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**IMPORTANT
MEMBERSHIP DUES**

If your label now reads XXXX-99, this is your last newsletter. The association will send the delinquent member one notice and then will drop them from the active rolls. We don't want to lose anyone but your dues are needed to continue the association activities and keep us on a sound financial basis.

DO IT TODAY

Please send your dues to the secretary at:
187 Paddlewheel Road
Fayetteville, NC 28314

BOOK SALES

The 75th Ranger Regiment Association has been selected by publisher of "Black Hawk Down" to sell the book through our Association Quartermaster operation. As Mr. Bowden has done a great job in telling the story of our men, in an up close and personal way, we are proud to "spread the word" about what Rangers stand for. Indeed, that is one of our main missions at the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Many in the public would never understand the sacrifices made by the men of B/3/75 and the other participating forces, were it not for the focused work of authors such as Mark Bowden. Mr. Bowden will be on a book signing tour through the spring. The schedule is in this issue. We will be donating \$2.00 from each book purchased to the Ranger Memorial Foundation. For a limited time, everyone who purchases the book from the 75th Ranger Regiment Association Quartermaster will receive their choice of either a bumper sticker or window decal. We will also hold a drawing at the end of 3 months and 9 months to give a .999 Fine Silver Ranger Coin to the winner. One entry per book. **Pete Neves WebMaster**



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Thanks, to all of you!**

**SECRETARY'S
EDITOR/PUBLISHER
MESSAGE
BY
ROY BOATMAN**

Membership is still on a steady increase and 68 new members joined us since the last newsletter. Most of the new applications are coming from our WEB site. The internet is becoming more and more the place to find prospective members. Speaking of membership, please look at your label and see if it reads "99" at the end of your membership number line. If it does your dues were payable last June. We are sending you one last newsletter. You will not receive the December issue and if you want the last issue of the newsletter, it will cost you an extra \$2.00 (mailing cost) when you get caught up. If you are aware of anyone who needs our help with paying their dues, just let us know and we will be glad to help out until times are better.

As Terry mentioned in his column, there are a number of things going on with the association and I hope to be able to help out as soon as everything gets caught up from the summer. We have a number of new unit directors that have come on board this summer. The association would like to welcome: Mir Bahmanyar 2/75, Roger Anderson 1/75, Bill Anton H/75 and Bob Copeland E/75 as the unit representatives. We currently have a couple of units that do not have a representative and we hope someone from these units step forward and assume the responsibility. Ricky Hogg 0/75 has hospitalized for the past couple of months and we wish him a speedy recovery.

We received some feedback from the members concerning the raising of membership dues this next summer at the general membership meeting, seems everyone is in favor of that and it will be on the agenda for next year. Also on the agenda will be the election of new officers for the association. I cannot speak for the others but I will NOT be running as the secretary again. I will have spent 8 years as the secretary, 2 years as the VP, 12 years as the unit director and 8 years as the newsletter editor/publisher. That's more than enough, and truthfully, we need "new blood." More than just new blood, we need some of you to step

forward and get involved other than to just walk around with the title. I'm sure some of you have ideas on where you would like to see the association go in the future. Many of us who have served the association have helped established a financially sound association and more than that, "A Band of Brothers" who through our camaraderie share a bond that most will never know of. Now is your chance to serve as an officer and help all of our members. It's not easy work and sometimes frustrating as hell! But the rewards of knowing that you are doing your part, and then some, are well worth the negative points. So, whoever is ready to step forward and assume the responsibility, just give us a call so we can get your name on the Ballot.

Editor/Publisher

With the membership increasing the way it has for the past year and us printing 1300 - 1400 copies we are fast running out of extras copies. To help with this problem we are no longer going to send gratis copies to the different battalions. After checking our records, there are only 7 members who are currently serving with the regiment. After ten years of sending the newsletter to the Battalions, I think it's plain to see that is not where the new members are coming from. They are joining once they are out of the service and when they finally figure out we are NOT the Ranger Regiment Association that they belonged to while they were on active duty. Then, and only then, do they want to maintain their bonds to the battalions or regiment and join the "75th Ranger Regiment Association"

The cover page is one of our earliest "LRRP" units who we knew existed but had never gotten any information on. I especially liked many of the pictures of the old TW's, fatigues and the "white" repelling rope. Things from yesteryear, that have always stood out in my memory of the "old days."

Thanks to all who are sending in their address changes, it sure makes it easier to get your newsletter when you send the changes in.

I'd like to acknowledge that C/75 and H/75 had articles for this newsletter but were late on getting them in. I'm a stickler when it comes to the articles being on

time. For as long as I have been doing this newsletter, it's always been out on time and I've never skipped an issue. Ricky Hogg, as mentioned earlier, has been in the hospital. So most of the unit directors or someone they have designated turned in an article for this issue. Thanks to all of you who contributed. I am already working on the "December issue", Roger Anderson of the 1st ID LURPS/RANGERS has an article and a team picture. As long as we are getting the unit articles in like this we will always have a packed issue to present to the members. Please remember that this is your "news magazine" and will only be as good as your contribution to it.

Comments or questions to the editor are welcomed. Got something positive to say? Here's your chance.!

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thing of this nature is what we have pursued all along. Please remember, the 8th Army Ranger Company was awarded the Ranger Tab just 3 short years before we took up this fight and at the time, it seemed like the proper and justified way to go. I have gotten many calls over the past 3 years from individuals who want us to just drop this fight and do something else. It is not as easy as all that. Many folks have put in time, effort, and expense trying to make this happen for us all. At the time, the tab seemed like the best route to go if they wouldn't approve our individual unit scrolls. Since they don't do that for company sized units, it will not happen as I understand it. Not sure where we have to go with the recommendations yet, as we have not received this information from anyone who was responsible or served on the Board, but we have something tangible and we can see their thinking at this point in time. There will be more on this down the line. I want to get someone to send us a copy of this from the official sources, so we have somewhere to go. I have been very disappointed by manner and the way we have been treated by the active duty Ranger community and the Army in general for the past couple of years concerning this particular issue. Usually I'm raving about the active duty Army and the Rangers in general, but someone dropped the ball on this one, and it was not the guys in the ranks. It happened at the top and is really no reflection on either the 75th Ranger Regiment or the RTB, though they also had representatives on the Board when it convened. Right now, we have possibly the best working relationship we have ever had with both groups, and we will continue to build on it in the future.

I attended the C/75th and N/75th Reunions in Fayetteville the week before heading to Ft. Benning for the annual Ranger Rendezvous 99. I ended up waiting on tables for N/75th on Friday night and was Guest Speaker for C/75th the next. Not sure what parallel to draw there, but I had a good time with those guys nonetheless. A "Special Thanks" to CSM Lawrence Haubrich of the 519th MI Bn. at Ft. Bragg. He has the F/51st LRS guys in his battalion and he fixed us up with a bugler, firing squad, honor guard, and anything else we needed during the week. He was especially helpful for the Memorial Service C/75th and N/75th held together and the C/75th banquet Saturday night. I'd like to thank all those guys for making me feel welcome. It was especially good to see the interest of the F/51st men and the other former 75th Ranger Regiment guys from the area who stopped in. The "Mayor of Ft. Bragg", Pat Mynatt worked very hard while she was there getting things done and should be commended.

I left Ft. Bragg "in drag" with Roy and Joyce Boatman on Sunday morning for the 7 hour drive to Columbus, Ga. and the 99 Ranger Rendezvous. I followed them in my POV and let Roy find any police officers lurking in the bushes. This year's event's kept us busy for a few days and we attended many functions. There was a pre-rendezvous briefing held this year and that was helpful for many. The meeting place changed and caused some confusion, but the guys from the Regiment S-5 shop did an outstanding job. The Ranger Hall of Fame ceremony was moved inside for the first time I can remember and it went very well as these outstanding Rangers took their rightful places in the Hall of Fame. Prior to that, the Regiment honored several people as Distinguished and Honorary Members of the Regiment. Our two nominees, Gilbert Berg (HMOR) and Mike Martin (DMOR) represented us well and were fine choices for these honors. Col. Ken Keen took command of

the Regiment after a driving thunderstorm ran everyone into the Infantry Hall prior to the start of the ceremony on Thursday night. These guys from the Regiment made this ceremony look like "easy money" as they went through their paces with razor-like precision. Some of the other Rangers in the seats near me told me they never could do the Change of Command that well at West Point when they attended. It was impressive indeed. I'd be remiss if I didn't give Col. Mike Okita, CO of the 2nd Bn., a plug here. I signed up for the 5K Run to get a 99 Rendezvous t-shirt for half price (\$8 versus \$16 if you bought it....Buck Anderson did it too after I passed the intel I had to him!!) and didn't intend to run. I was registered by number in the Over 50 grouping and had just met Col. Okita. He mentioned he wanted to run the 5K and I offered him my number. He ran it and was one of the first to finish in all divisions. Naturally, they used my name as finishing first in the final standings, though I didn't know about it until later. I won a t-shirt for my 1st Place finish in the Over 50 Division, but have to fess up I didn't run. SSgt. Chip Bobier from the S-5 shop at Regiment knew of this and he kept my t-shirt since he knew I had to have cheated to win anything!! It was hard for me to bitch and try to get it under the circumstances. We also attended the EM and NCO of the Year ceremony at the Regiment and awarded some stuff from the QM (golf shirt, hat, t-shirt, coffee mug, beer stein, and a silver challenge coin from the Association) and a year's membership to the Association to the winners, who we hope to spotlight in this issue if we get the photos and information we need to do it right.

I know I have exceeded my allowable space already but as usual, I had a lot to say. I'll recognize the several new Unit Directors we have in place after this Summer in the next issue. Changes are still in the works, but I think it is evidence of progress in most cases. In Ranger brotherhood. **TERRY RODERICK**



TERRY RODERICK - RANGER FERGUSON - LUKE FERGUSON (CO P/75) AT RIP GRADUATION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roy,
Hope things are well with you - looking forward to seeing you again in Savannah. A few words of appreciation: Patrolling has never looked nor read better! Congrats on a fine issue (June '99). The web site continues to improve - noteworthy is it's improved organization and graphics - not to mention the rapid response time (some-one say lighting reaction?) I would appreciate being put on the electronic edition server list. **Jeff Webb**

I've added your name to the list of members who want Patrolling in the electronic form. Appreciate the kind words and I'm sure Pete Neves echoes my sentiments.

HUMOR

A Priest and a Rabbi are riding in a plane. After a while, the Priest turns to the Rabbi and asks "Is it still a requirement of your faith that you not eat pork?"

The Rabbi responds "Yes that is still one of our beliefs."

The Priest then asks "Have you ever eaten pork?"

To which the Rabbi replies "Yes on one occasion I did succumb to temptation and tasted pork." The Priest nodded in understanding and went on with his reading.

A while later, the Rabbi spoke up and asked the Priest, "Father, is it still a requirement of your church that you remain celibate?"

The Priest replied "Yes, that is still very much a part of our faith."

The Rabbi then asked him "Father, have you ever fallen to the temptations of the flesh?"

The Priest replied "Yes Rabbi, on one occasion I was weak and broke with my faith."

The Rabbi nodded understandingly for a moment and then said, "A lot better than pork isn't it?"

RANGERS LEAD THE

REUNION 2000 UPDATE

BY DAN POPE

OK folks, here we go!

We have the Holiday Inn blocked for 5-9 July, 65 rooms. Rates forthcoming.

We have Magnolia 1 banquet room blocked 6-9 July for hospitality room. It also expands into 2 additional rooms depending on demand. Large enough to handle all our people.

General membership meeting will have to be on Friday because one of the Magnolia rooms is booked for a family reunion on Saturday. We have all three Magnolia rooms for a Friday/day membership meeting.

We have the Camellia room booked as registration / quartermaster. It's on the ground floor next to the hospitality room.

Our coordinator Brenda Reynolds will be contacting Sheila to discuss block sharing at Club House Inn for our overflow. If there are not enough rooms available at the Club House we have availability at the Best Western next door. She is also getting special rate availability at Best Western.

I've alerted her to have Holiday Inn lay on extra help in the restaurant and bar for the duration.

Since our Co. C reunion in 1997 the Holiday Inn has changed owners. They will be completing a total renovation by early 2000. I expect it to be a VERY nice place by the time we arrive!

Brenda will be getting back to me by early next week with rates and additional availability.

Let's have some fun, Hooah!

PRIMARY HOTEL AND HQS

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1ST OVERFLOW HOTEL

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in next issue.

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Room block: 65 rooms

MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS!

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SOUTHERN EUROPEAN TASK FORCE (LRRP)

BY: JIM STAMPER

Three LRRP units were organized in Europe in 1959, the V Corps LRRP (Germany), VII Corps LRRP (Germany) and the Southern European Task Force (S.E.T.A.F.) LRRP (Italy). I was assigned to Italy as an army aviator in 1961. When I arrived at SETAF the G3 (Operations Officer) was Col. Jim Nix (DSC) of 187th RCT fame. He asked if I would like to command the LRRP's. I sure didn't want to be no airplane driver, so I jumped at the job. (Col Nix had knew me from my enlisted time and Ranger and SF days.)

I took command of the LRRP detachment in Oct/Nov 1961. The LRRP's were assigned to the 110th Aviation Company at Boscimantico Army Airfield, just north of Verona Italy. At that time the LRRP Det. had twelve 6 man teams and one second Lt. James D. James who later commanded a LRP company in Vietnam). The LRRP mission at the time was Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols and performing Observation Post (OP) duties on these patrols. We had 15 UA-1 (Otter) aircraft for jumps and 15 CH-34 (Choctaw) helicopters for insertions and extractions. In addition we had a rigger section for parachute maintenance support and a free-fall team made up of team members with the NCOIC coming from the riggers.

The LRRP's were being misused by the aviation company- pulling guard duty, work details and no training. Only the Mexican-American Sergeants could speak Italian, I planned on changing that.



SETAF LRRP OFFICER/NCO'S

I went to SETAF G2/G3 and asked to take charge for all training and missions and to make our own training schedule separate from the aviation company. **I got a blank check, WOW!** My instructions from my superiors were to "Train them and utilize the men the way it is suppose to be done. In the detachment there were two or three Ranger school graduates and three or four RECONDO graduates. No one knew what to do with the LURPS, therefore, I set the mission to fit the name - Long Range Recon. We would jump in 6 man teams where there were DZ's and helicopter insertions for the Alps. All teams were extracted by helicopter. First we needed training: The first school was "Ski School" in Latwill, Italy on the border with France. All LURPS became very good on skies. The next summer Jun thru Aug 1962, we went through "Mountain Climbing School" at Passe De Rolle, Italy. This was in the high Alps and all schools were conducted by the elite Alpini Mountain troops.

The LRRP Det. received the "new" TRC 77 Radios (CW). I was a commo man in SF so I already knew CW and was able to help the other men learn the code. That really helped our communications with higher headquarters. We reported directly to SETAF G2/G3 on all FTX (Field Training Exercises). Each spring, SETAF would conduct an FTX with the Corporal and Honest John missile brigades, The LRRP Det would always be the aggressor troops. You know how that went, "the artillery men were no contest!"

During the summer we jumped a lot for the Italian airshows and put on a lot of static displays. Whenever a VIP visited SETAF, the CG would always say "Show him the LRRP's"

In January 1963, we received the mission of training the Italian Parachute Brigade the LRRP mission. The US LRRP's were to be phased out by 1964. By this time most of us could speak Italian with different degree of fluency. We trained with 12 man teams, 6 US and 6 Italian. After 5 jumps together I awarded the Italians US jump wings and they awarded Italian wings to the US personnel.

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During this time, I flew to USAEUR G3 to square away with the V and VII Corps LRRP companies. During one of these meeting we established the MTT (Mobile Training Team) with the 10th Special Forces Group at Bad Tolz, Germany. We did not participate very much as the SETAF LRRP was being phased out.

The command of the SETAF LRRP unit was one of the "Highlights" of my 24 year career and one of the most enjoyable ground duty assignments while on flight status, that anyone could have. The V and VII Corps LRRP units wore the maroon beret, the SETAF LRRP unit wore the black beret (Italian Tankers) and our jump wing background was black with a gold border.



Notice the mustaches on most of these SETAF LURPS. This was at a time when facial hair was strictly a no-no in the army. The facial hair was grown to help the unit operate with the Italians who all had facial hair.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

He entered the service in 1947 and served with the 82nd Abn Div. In 1950 he volunteered for the NEW Airborne Rangers. He served with the 3rd Ranger Company in combat until the units deactivation in 1951. He then served with the 187 RCT until he was reassigned to Ft. Benning where he served as an instructor in the Ranger school at "Tent City" later Dahlonga, GA. In 1952 SSG Stamper volunteered for the newly activated 10th Special Forces Group and went to OCS, where he was commissioned in 1954. In 1959 he attended flight school and was assigned in 1961 to the S.E.T.A.F. LRRP unit. In 1965 Major Stamper commanded a helicopter gunship company in Vietnam and flew more than 500 combat missions. The association is proud to have James Stamper as the only member from the SETAF LRRP company. They along with the V & VII Corps LRRP companies lead the way for the rest of us.



JIM STAMPER

The uniforms of the army at the time was fatigues with white name tape. Cpt. Stamper flew down to Naples Italy to the U.S. Marines Depot and traded them 10 parachutes and some other goodies for 100 sets of U.S. Marine camouflage jackets and pants. the only ID on the uniform was the small black and gold "U.S. ARMY" tape sewn high on the left breast. This worked really well! The Italian parachute troops had camo uniforms and wore the green beret. We had a good looking uniform.



**LTC JOHN S. DANIEL JR.**

Ranger John Daniel is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his outstanding service as a Ranger throughout his career. Lieutenant Daniel volunteered as an instructor in the Florida Ranger Camp, where he mastered patrolling skills and the ability to teach others by example. In Europe, he was assigned as a platoon leader of a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Platoon and shortly thereafter as a Project Officer to develop the V Corps Long Range Reconnaissance Company. He did so well in both assignments that he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, which was unusual for Lieutenant in that time frame. As an ROTC Instructor at the University of Tennessee, he organized and formed the first ROTC Ranger Company in America. Upon deployment to Vietnam, he was selected by LTC Bob Kingston to be the first Senior Advisor to the 1st Vietnamese Ranger Group, a newly-formed organization to coordinate the tactical employment of the 1 Corps Ranger Battalions. During this period of political unrest and coups, the 11th Vietnamese Ranger Battalion revolted with the Catholics and Buddhists occupying opposing defensive positions. Alone and unarmed, he approached each group and convinced them to return to government service. After nine months of combat, Ranger Daniel was severely wounded. He refused medical evacuation, until the tactical situation warranted and he could brief his replacement. The wound was so severe that it appeared Ranger Daniel would have to be medically retired, but by dogged determination and intense willpower, he not only rehabilitated himself to be retained (Con't Page 15)

**SGM SANTOS A. MATOS**

Sergeant Major Santos Matos is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his valor during the war in Vietnam as well as the extraordinary courage and daring he showed during the conflicts of Grenada and Panama. His service as a Team Member and Team Leader with Company N (Ranger), 75th Infantry in Vietnam were marked by heroic actions as well as compassion for the enemy. His actions with special mission units of the United States Special Operations Command in both the Grenada and Panama actions, are legendary and were instrumental in the accomplishment of United States mission objectives at a great risk to his own personal safety. In addition, his awards and decorations include: the Silver Star, Soldiers Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal and Purple heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. He was a graduate of the Ranger School, Pathfinder School and Military Free Fall School, in addition to the many other military schools he attended during his 26 years of service. Sergeant Major Matos not only led by example but also consistently volunteered for all hazardous duty and helped develop Free Fall techniques for the entire United States military. In recognition of his Free Fall abilities, the Wind Tunnel at Fort Bragg is named after him. Sergeant Major Matos was an outstanding soldier and Ranger, and lived the Ranger Creed every day of his life.

His Widow accepted the HOF Medallion!

SFC JOHN L. MCCOY

Ranger John L. McCoy is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his outstanding service as a Ranger throughout his career, and for his extraordinary heroism in WWII Korea, and Vietnam. Sergeant First Class McCoy began his military service with the Canadian Army as a machine gunner with the Winnipeg Grenadiers during the defense of Hong Kong. In December 1941, Sergeant McCoy was seriously wounded during house-to-house fighting in that city and became a prisoner of war. He endured 45 months of barbarous imprisonment, and after the Japanese surrendered, Sergeant McCoy testified to convict his Japanese captors for war crimes, resulting in their life imprisonment in San Quentin. When fighting broke out in Korea, Sergeant McCoy again volunteered for service, this time in the U.S. Army as a member of the 23D Regiment, 2D Infantry Division. As a member of a raider platoon, Sergeant McCoy volunteered for many raid patrols behind Chinese communist forces lines and distinguished himself under fire as an indomitable fighter and a brilliant leader who would not leave a fallen comrade. He later volunteered for Vietnam and his third major conflict as an assistant advisor to the 43d Ranger Battalion. After a thwarted coup attempt, the Vietnamese battalion commander was relieved. Fearing reprisals from the Vietnamese Rangers, the Ranger battalion advisor was reassigned. Sergeant McCoy refused reassignment and was so respected by the Rangers, that no reprisal took place. Remaining as the lone American Ranger advisor, he continued his duties until an officer could be added to the team. On 26 September 1964, after rescuing a wounded company commander and carrying him to safety, Sergeant McCoy directed counterattacks and, at times, joined the assaulting forces to lead by his personal example. When the assault failed, Sergeant McCoy moved from position to position, directing fire and the placement of weapons until he was mortally wounded. Ranger McCoy was decorated, posthumously, with the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for valor (2d award) for these sequential acts of valor. Sergeant First Class McCoy lived the Ranger creed in three wars, even before there was a Ranger Creed, distinguishing himself by his indomitable spirit and his inspiring ability to fight on to the Ranger objective! (Picture next page)

(Jack Daniel Cont)

on active duty, but to be deployed again to Vietnam. He was the logical choice to become the Senior Advisor to the 2d Vietnamese Ranger Group, the only American to serve two tours as a Ranger Advisor at the Group level. He was so well regarded that he was given the additional duty to advise the 42d Regiment, a combat unit needing retraining. Through his efforts, the combat capability was raised significantly and it became a vital force in combat actions in II Corps. LTC Daniel was decorated several times for valor but uniquely he was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, with Gold Star, and with Silver Star, the three highest awards in Vietnam, which were not given freely to advisors. Throughout his entire career, this Ranger has always "Led the Way" by his physical and personal example.



**Son of John L. McCoy
receives HOF Medallion**



**Arthur (Robbie) Robinson
receives HOF Medallion**

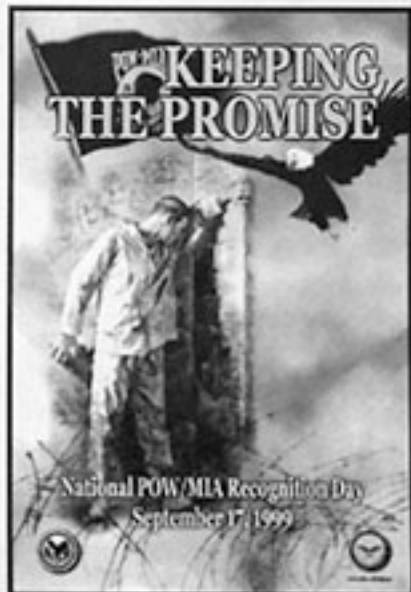
Arthur "Robbie" Robinson is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame as an honorary member for military and civilian service to the Ranger community spanning over thirty years. His amazing career with the Australian Army during Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War included multiple tours of duty alongside the United States units, not the least of which was the defense of Quang Tri City where his service and heroic actions were recognized with numerous

**HONOR GRADUATE OF
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**HONOR GRADUATE HOLDS "JAMES CHAMPION"
PLAQUE PRESENTED BY OUR ASSOCIATION**

awards including the U.S. Silver Star, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor of Medal. He later served as an advisor with the Vietnamese Rangers and forged a reputation with fellow U.S. advisors as a tough, dependable, and dedicated member of the team. Since retiring from the Australian Army, he has continued his association with the Ranger community as a member of the United States Army Ranger Association, Allied Forces, and has traveled extensively speaking on behalf of all Rangers and living the Ranger Creed. With deeds, not words, Arthur "Robbie" Robinson has exemplified the true meaning of being a Ranger.



PANAMA MEMORIES

BY RICHARD HECHT

About the time this issue comes out, we will be getting ready to celebrate the 10th anniversary of operation just cause.

So much has changed since that little three-week deployment. We kicked ass in the desert and got messed up in Somalia. I am in the process of reading blackhawk down. Please read this book, as it is truly an amazing story. Some things never seem to change. I recently saw a friend's father's photo album from his time in Vietnam. What amazed me was that even though the people and places are different from my photo album, the guys in the pictures and the feelings they conveyed through their expressions were exactly same as in mine. During the battle in Somalia, young rangers were able to give each other a laugh by joking about self-gratification and that a stupid donkey could weather a storm of gunfire and not be scratched.

Here now are some more of the stranger happenings from the invasion of Panama.

As the second day at Rio Hato began, second platoon, B CO, had been given the job of securing one side of the compound. We began by moving old cars in front to stop bullets, mattresses, boxes, anything we could find to fortify our fighting positions. Next we raided the Panamanian weapons storage rooms. Out came the browning .50 cal's! The guys in the position next to ours kept bragging that they had over 2000 rounds linked together! We were told to expect a big counter assault that night. Around 0300 hrs a couple of trip flares went off, then, nothing but quite. Our perimeter was being probed, a few minutes later another couple of flares. This time the Lt. didn't wait, he began to shoot and the rest of the platoon joined in. Nothing quite like an entire ranger platoon on "rock and roll!" Those big 50's can really hammer!

Not being able to see anything with the NVG's, let alone hear anything, the Lt. decided to wait until daylight to check out the killzone. Just after first light the Lt. sent out a fire team to check things out. Everyone else was on full alert. All of a sudden, drifting back through the jungle, the sounds of hysterical laughter. We all just sort of sat there and looked at each other, what could possibly be that funny that the team out there would break silence like that. We get word that they are coming back in and can hear them moving. As they broke through the woodline we are astounded to see them carrying a 200+ lb. pig. Obviously porky did not understand the rules of engagement!

After a few days over Christmas at Howard, AFB, we were sent out into the countryside to a town called Alcalediaz to search for groups of Noriega's dignitary battalions. I was assigned to drive and be the TL for one of our gun jeeps. We would act as a support element for the foot patrols and cruise around the area with another jeep team looking for dingbats. The jeeps were rolling arsenals. One M60 with the passenger and another mounted up on the roll bar, a couple of AT-4 antitank rockets, claymores, grenades, laws and lots of ammo. One night word comes down for my ranger buddy and I to support a squad that was going to check out a report of one of Noriega's henchman living nearby. The squad located the house and captures the man without a shot fired or injury to either side. The man, now flex-cuffed, is hoisted onto the back of my jeep for the ride back to the CP. As he is pulled up, his foot slips off the back of the jeep and he smacks his head on the corner of the metal m60 ammo can for the upper gun. As we all know, the smallest head wound can be the biggest bleeder. As we pull up to the CP the man is now covered in blood from his own head.

The first sergeant asks accusingly what we did to this man. I begin to explain what happened but top is not buying any of it. He believes that we have beaten this man senseless and is demanding to know why. About then the XO arrived and asks what is going on. I explain again, speaking slowly for his benefit, what happened. By now the first sergeant is almost foaming at the mouth. The XO tried to calm him with little success. This entire time I kept trying to explain what happened. To make things worse, the XO now believes that we did beat this man, but is trying to tell the first sergeant that it is OK because he was probably resisting! The matter gets solved when one of the medics begins to examine the man and discovers nothing more than a flesh wound. Exonerated at last! The first sergeant mumbled something of an apology and wandered off still mumbling. Second squad, second platoon, B CO, 2/75 ranger regiment returned to FT. Lewis with the rest of the battalion. We had very few injured and none killed. Lessons learned from the past, lessons taught to the next generation. RLTW Richard Hecht



ARVN RANGER ADVISORS (BDQ)

Do you remember the days when we paraded in our berets, proud of our warrior strength, of the tough life we led, of the suffering we had endured, separated from others by our youth and by all the fighting we had been through... our feelings of death, life and comradeship; even the warm damp nights, alive with buzzing insects, and the jungle sounds that were mysterious and disturbing? "Ah, those were the days my friends."

In keeping with our goal to maintain our combat record and lineage, I have added a concise version of the history of the Vietnamese Ranger and the U.S. Ranger Advisor at the end of this column. Feel free to add or correct.

EVENTS, WARNING ORDERS AND SITREPS:

The Ranger Rendezvous was a great success with three BDQs induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame: BDQ John "Jack" Daniel, who served as the senior advisor to both the 1st and 2d Ranger Groups; BDQ John L. McCoy who was killed in 1964 while serving with the 43rd Battalion and leading an assault against a VC major unit—it was his third War; BDQ "Robbie" Robinson as an honorary member, his career with the Australian Army included Korea and Vietnam where he received the U.S. Silver Star while serving as an advisor. A "salute" to all three on their performance and their induction.

Binh Gia:

Col(R) Douglas E. Moore, wrote an article in the current issue of ARMY magazine on the battle at Binh Gia in December 1964, and the efforts of the gunships and medevac pilots to pick-up an American advisor on the ground with the 33rd Vietnamese Ranger Battalion. The Advisor refused and waved them off since his unit was being attacked by an overwhelming force. Col. Moore thinks the advisor was Ranger Harold G. Bennett, who was later killed by the VC while a prisoner. Moore requested information on Bennett, so I sent to him an article we did on Bennett in Behind The Lines two years ago. Received a nice call from Col. Moore in reference to the story and his desire to give Bennett the recognition he deserves—Professionals never forget courage!

Vietnamese Ranger Association:

On 25 July, Vietnamese Rangers from the United States and other countries attended a dinner and reception at the Paracel Seafood Restaurant in Westminster, California, to celebrate the 39th Anniversary of the Vietnamese Army Rangers (Biet Dong Quan). Ranger (Col) Nightingale, was one of the Co Vans in attendance; he served with the 52nd Battalion.

Former BDQ Commander San Tien Tran was elected as the new President of the association. Tran was the XO of the 52nd acquiring the nickname "mobile XO." Fighting as a Battalion Commander, he was wounded on the eve of the final day of the war defending his country.

Our berets are "off" to BDQ Colonel Ngo Minh Hong, previous President of the Vietnamese Ranger Assn. Hong was the pivotal force in strengthening existing ties between the Vietnamese Rangers and their U.S. Advisors for the past year; as with most, he was wounded and is having some health problems, but we are hoping for a speedy recovery.

In Memoriam: Another one of our BDQs has "stacked arms." On July 23, 1999, Sergeant Major Carroll J. Richards (U.S. Army, Retired) passed away in Leesville, LA. SGM Richards served his Nation in the Army for 28 years, seeing combat in Korea and Vietnam where he served four tours. In 1967-1968, SGM Richards served as the Senior NCO advisor in the 1st Ranger Group (Vietnamese), headquartered in Da Nang, S. Vietnam.

Press Pippin, former Ranger Senior Advisor to the 21st Ranger Battalion and the 1st Ranger Group attended the funeral, representing all former Ranger Advisors who were honored to have served with SGM Richards. The memorial service was accompanied by full military honors and the Sergeant Major passed on in his dress blue uniform. Press contributed his personal Biet Dong Quan Badge to complete SGM Richard's array of decorations and awards. Our country and the military was served well by this soldier's soldier.

Co Van Marriage: BDQ (39th BN) Harris Parker married his beautiful bride-elect on 7 August in Virginia... BDQ (37th BN) Bobby Jackson and his lovely wife Nadine, attended the wedding. Many of you older Rangers can remember the "smoke" Ranger Parker could inflict upon you in the Benning phase.... (Also his size.)

Visits: I will be making a short sojourn in September, to visit the Vietnamese in San Jose and Los Angeles. BDQ Dave Williams is living in the San Jose area. Dave sent some great photos of his time in the Delta with the 42d Vietnamese Rangers in 1964, "tough times."

I'll close for now with a quote from Ranger (CSM) Harris Parker: "The Vietnamese Rangers knew how to fight—but they knew how to die too!"

Thanks for the support and a warm welcome to all our new members; we look forward to serving with you. Don't forget to select a good "coign" of vantage" on the HIGH GROUND AND SHOOT LOW. "Biet Dong Quan Sat Cong" MU NAU :Mike Martin Unit Director

ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM RANGERS (Biet Dong Quan)

During 1951, the CIA had suggested to General de Lattre (Jean de Lattre de Tassigny—commander in chief Indochina) that the French should form "counterguerrilla" warfare groups to operate in Viet Minh-controlled areas, but the French Command rejected this concept of unconventional warfare units, although they did establish a Commando School at Nha Trang; by 1956, the U.S. Advisory Group would turn this into a physical training and ranger type school.

As the seriousness of the insurgency became more apparent during the early weeks of 1960, American and South Vietnamese leaders began to consider what new measures might be adopted to deal with the deteriorating security situation. President Ngo Dinh Diem had his own solutions. On 15 February 1960, without consulting LTG Samuel T. Williams (Senior American in command of the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Vietnam) he—President Diem—began a new program by ordering commanders of divisions and military regions to form ranger companies composed of volunteers from the army, the reserves, retired army personnel, and the Civil Guard. Trained in anti guerrilla warfare, each company was to have 131 men—an 11-man headquarters and three 40-man platoons. The military regions and divisions were expected to organize 50 companies by early March. Of these, 32 would be attached to the various military regions and 18 to the divisions.

The idea of forming ranger or commando units was not new to the advisory group. As early as 1958, the Vietnamese general staff had proposed setting up special units variously called scout, commando, or ranger companies, but the U.S. Advisory Group had always opposed such a course. But in 1959, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) activated some 65 "special action" companies to be trained in counterinsurgency and counter guerrilla tactics, capable of conducting ranger raids and reconnaissance missions in North Vietnam. They were identified as Cam-Tu (Commando) and Tham-Sat (LRRP) companies. 1

The first Vietnamese Rangers (Biet Dong Quan-BDQ) activated in 1960, initially organized into separate companies to counter the guerilla war then being waged by the Viet Cong (VC). From the beginning, American Rangers were assigned as advisors, first as members of Mobile Training Teams (MTTs); deployed from the U.S., at training centers, and later at the unit level. A small number of promising Vietnamese Ranger leaders were selected to attend the U.S. Army Ranger school at Fort Benning. As a result of their common experiences, lasting bonds of mutual respect were formed between the combat veterans of both nations. During the early days, Ranger missions focused on raids and ambushes into such VC zones as War Zone D, Duong Minh Chau, Do Xa and Boi Loi (later to be called the "Hobo Woods" by the American forces) to destroy the VC infrastructure. The well-known shoulder insignia, bearing a star and a Black Panther's head, symbolized the courageous fighting spirit of the Vietnamese Rangers.

Ranger courses were established at three training sites in May 1960: Da Nang, Nha Trang, and Song Mao. The original Nha Trang training course was relocated to Duc My in 1961, and would become the central Ranger—Biet Dong Quan—Training Center. Company and Battalion size ranger training was later established at Trung Lap; to ensure a consistently high level of combat readiness, BDQ units regularly rotated through both RTC's. Graduates of the ranger course earned the coveted Ranger badge with its distinctive crossed swords. South Vietnamese combat reconnaissance instruction was a responsibility of the Ranger Training Command and the South Vietnamese (ARVN) reconnaissance units and teams were trained either in the Duc My Ranger Training Center's LRRP course or in the Australian-sponsored LRP course of the Van Kiep National Training Center; graduates were awarded the Reconnaissance Qualification badge (a pair of silver winged hands holding silver binoculars). The Ranger Training Centers conducted tough, realistic training that enabled graduates to accomplish the challenging missions assigned to Ranger units. Known as the "steel refinery" of the ARVN, the centers provided training in both jungle and mountain warfare.

Operations

In 1962, the BDQ companies were grouped to form Special Battalions: the 10th Bn. in Da Nang, the 20th Bn. in Pleiku, and the 30th Bn. in Saigon. These special battalions operated deep inside the enemy controlled regions on "Search and Destroy" missions. By 1963, the war expanded as main force North Vietnamese Army (NVA) units began invading the South, launching battalion and regimental-size attacks against ARVN units. To cope with the escalation by the Communists, Ranger units were organized into regular battalions and their mission evolved from counter-insurgency to light infantry operations. During the years 1964-66, the Ranger battalions intercepted, engaged and defeated main force enemy units. In July 1966, the battalions were formed into task forces, and five Ranger Group headquarters were created to provide command and control for tactical operations. This afforded the Rangers better control and the ability to mass forces quickly and to strike more rapidly. ARVN combat divisions as well as Regional and Popular Force (RF/PF) units had a territorial security orientation which tied them to a limited geographic area. Ranger units assumed the responsibility of providing the primary ARVN mobile reaction force in each Tactical Zone a far larger geographical operating area.

When the VC and NVA forces opened the 1968 Tet Offensive in the major cities of Vietnam, the maroon beret soldiers were rushed to the scene and were an active force in defeating the Communists threat. The 3d and 5th Ranger Groups defended and secured the capitol, Saigon, and the 37th Battalion fought with the US Marines at Khe Sanh. Rangers continued to distinguish themselves on battlefields throughout Vietnam as well as the 1970 incursion into Cambodia (the 5th Ranger Group remained in Cambodia for a period of nearly 70 weeks) and Operation "Lam Son 719" in Laos. As American ground forces reduced their tactical role and began to withdraw from Vietnam, an additional mission was assumed by the BDQ. On 22 May 1970, the Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG), formerly under the operational control of 5th U.S. Special Forces Group, integrated into Ranger forces, along with the responsibility for border defense. With the conversion of CIDG camps to Ranger combat camps, the ranger forces more than doubled in size.

When the NVA launched major attacks on three fronts on Easter Sunday of 1972, in an all-out effort to gain a decisive military victory, Ranger units once again answered the call to defend the fatherland. Near the DMZ in Quang Tri Province, Rangers, together with ARVN Marine and Regional Forces units, stopped the enemy after a 22-day fight in which 131 NVA tanks were destroyed and approximately 7,000 NVA soldiers were killed. At An Loc, Ranger, ARVN and Regional Force units stopped four NVA Divisions, reinforced with armor and artillery, in what was probably one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War. In Kontum Province, the Rangers participated in the battle of Tay Nguyen, in which still another multi-division NVA attack was smashed. At the time of the "cease-fire," 28 January 1973, the Ranger High Command estimated that the Rangers had killed 40,000 of the enemy, captured 7,000, and assisted 255 of them to rally to the government side. It was also reported that 1,467 crew-served weapons and 10,941 individual weapons had been captured. Of course, there was no true cease-fire, and the war continued. In 1973, the role of the Ranger Advisor was curtailed. As individual advisors rotated back to the United States, they were not replaced. Finally, by the end of 1973, the last Ranger Advisor was quietly ordered home.

During 1973, 1974 and 1975, the Rangers continued to be employed in a variety of critical combat roles, performing intelligence and reconnaissance missions and providing the ARVN with a quick reaction force. In addition, their mission of border security continued. In the last days of the war the Rangers (BDQ) fought to the end, units totally destroyed in battles from the North to Saigon; many of the ranger units had fought back independently against orders—refusing to surrender—bloodying the advancing communists' forces. In Tay-Ninh province the Rangers fought until the 30th of April 1975; in

Saigon, the Rangers fought until the morning of the 30th of April when they were directed to lay down their arms.

When the war did end with the fall of Saigon, most of the Ranger commanders were considered too dangerous by the communist government and sentenced to long periods of incarceration in the dreaded "reeducation camps." As an example, General Do Ke Giai, the last commander of ranger forces spent more than 17 years imprisonment for his fervent anti-Communist resistance.

The Role of the Advisor

The experiences of the American Advisors (and a few Australians) to the BDQ were unique from other advisors and definitely different from their U.S. unit counterparts. Their mission and the force structure of the units they advised demanded more experienced and thoroughly trained individuals. Officers were almost all Ranger qualified, and after 1966, most were on a second or subsequent combat tour. The Noncommissioned Officers were arguably the most talented Noncoms that the Army had to offer. Many of these NCOs were experienced cadre from the Ranger Department at the Infantry School, or experienced small unit leaders with Infantry, Special Forces or Marine backgrounds; some had fought in Korea. It was fairly common for the more senior Sergeants to serve as Ranger Advisors between tours at one of the Ranger Training Camps.

According to the Military Assistance Command-Vietnam Joint manpower authorization documents, advisory teams were fairly robust. Each was authorized eight personnel to perform the support mission. The authorized grades for the Ranger battalion and group Senior Advisor were Major and Lieutenant Colonel respectively. This was usually not the case however, as a battalion advisor team routinely consisted of an experienced Captain, a Lieutenant, two NCOs and a Radio-Telephone Operator (RTO). It was not uncommon to field teams of two or three personnel. The Ranger Group Headquarters advisor team was comprised of a Major, one or two Captains, two or three NCOs, and an RTO.

Living and military operations experience for the Ranger Advisor varied dramatically from area to area, unit to unit, and year to year. Operations were normally conducted by ranger battalions, but were often smaller in some locales. Frequently, multi-battalion operations were conducted under the command and control of the Ranger Group headquarters. In addition to being selected for tactical and technical proficiency, many Ranger Advisors were graduates of the Military Assistance and Training Advisory Course (MATAC) and Vietnamese Language School. However, the tactical requirements always exceeded the number of school slots, and most advisors depended upon lessons learned the hard way, and the good luck to have a Vietnamese counterpart who understood English. Each team was authorized a local interpreter/translator, however these proved to be of varied skills and reliability.

The primary mission of an advisor was to counsel his Vietnamese counterpart on development and implementation of operational plans as well as the tactical execution of military operations. The Advisor coordinated any available combat support from U.S. forces such as artillery, armored vehicles, air strikes, helicopter gunships, naval gunfire, and medical evacuation. Additionally, the advisor was expected to escort and directly communicate with a variety of specialist teams that might accompany the unit on operations, such as artillery forward observers, Air Force forward air controllers (FAC), naval gunfire teams, canine handlers, or combat correspondents.

While differences were evident from team to team, the Ranger Advisors lead a unique life under an unusual set of circumstances. The highly mobile advisory team was with the Vietnamese unit at all times when it was in the field on military operations, which could last for days or weeks. Living conditions were Spartan and arduous. Frequent and intense combat was the rule for Ranger units. The U.S. Ranger Advisory Team survived on limited supplies and rations (resupply in the field was sporadic at best), often with a limited knowledge of the operational plan and enemy intelligence situation. The team's communications lifeline and link was often a single PRC-25 tactical radio. Despite, or because of these circumstances and conditions, the Ranger Advisors became very adept at accomplishing their responsibilities and fulfilling their missions.

Awards and Honors

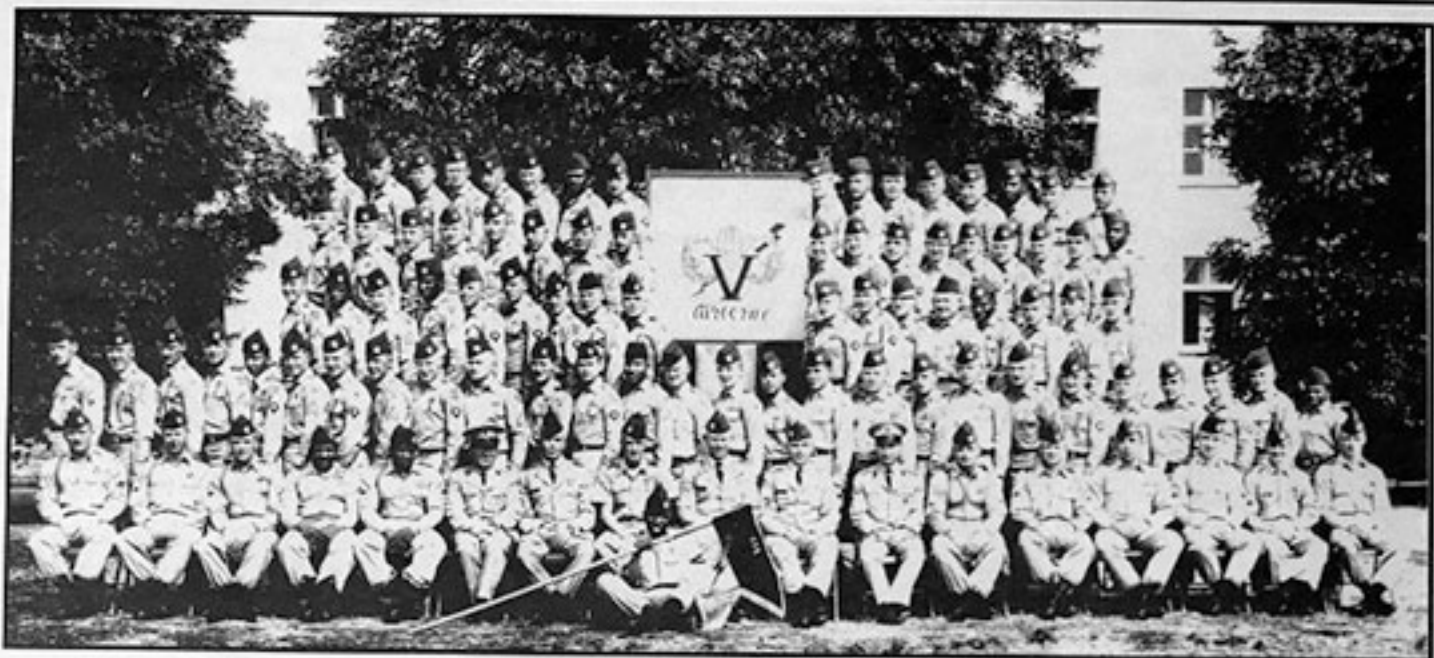
Vietnamese Ranger units and individual soldiers received a wide range of awards for valor and heroism from both the Republic of Vietnam and the United States. The 42nd and 44th Battalions were awarded their country's National Order Fourragere, the 43rd Battalion the Military Order Fourragere, and the 21st, 37th, 41st and 52nd Battalions the Gallantry Cross Fourragere. Twenty-three Ranger units were awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm unit award, with the 42nd Battalion receiving the award seven times, the 44th Battalion six times, and the 1st Group and 43rd Battalion each four times.

Eleven U.S. Presidential Unit Citations (PUC) were awarded to Vietnamese Ranger units. The 37th Battalion three times, the 39th and 42d twice, and the 1st Ranger Task Force, 21st, 44th and 52nd Battalions each received the PUC once. The U.S. Valorous Unit Award was awarded to the 21st, 32d, 41st, 43d, 77th and 91st Ranger Battalions. Large numbers of individual Vietnamese Rangers were presented U.S. awards such as the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Army Commendation Medals for acts of valor in the face of enemy forces.

A number of American Ranger Advisors were decorated for gallantry under fire, the best known is SFC Gary Lattrell, an advisor to the 23d Ranger Battalion, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for valor on 4-8 April 1970. Additionally, Colonel Lewis L. Millett, a Medal of Honor recipient during the Korean War, was a member of the first Vietnamese Ranger MTT. Staff Sergeant David Dolby who was previously awarded the Medal of Honor while serving with the First Cavalry Division in 1965, was an advisor to the 44th Ranger Battalion in 1970. LTC Andre Lucas, who served as Senior Advisor, 33d Ranger Battalion in 1963, later received the Medal of Honor posthumously while commanding an infantry battalion in the 101st Airborne Division in 1970. First Sergeant David H. McNerney, who was an advisor with the 20th Special Battalion in 1962, was later awarded the Medal of Honor while serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division for actions on 22 March 1967. More than two dozen Ranger Advisors received the Army Distinguished Service Cross or the Navy Cross, the second highest valor award. Finally, nearly 50 American Advisors were killed while fighting alongside their Vietnamese Ranger counterparts. Theirs was the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty.

Memorial

On 11 November 1995, more than 20 years after the fall of Saigon, American Ranger Advisors and their Vietnamese Ranger counterparts gathered at Arlington National Cemetery to unveil a living memorial and bronze plaque to honor their comrades. The plaque reads, "Dedicated to the honor of the Vietnamese Rangers and their American Ranger Advisors whose dedication, valor and fidelity in the defense of freedom must never be forgotten."



V CORPS LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY - FRANKFURT GERMANY

Bob Murphy here. I was a scout in V Corps LRRP Co from mid 1964 to January 1967. This is my first stab at a unit column. There has been no column in the last couple of issues so I volunteered.

Sound off if you want something in it for the next issue. Best to do it by e-mail to me on bohmurphy2@compuserve.com.

Or, if you have a computer, get onto A/75's listserver on the internet and you can e-mail about 30 guys directly. You'll need to register on the server which you can do by going to www.airborne-ranger.com and look up the A/75 Listserver then follow the directions to sign on. If you have a problem with it, e-mail me and I'll give you some assistance.

Anyone not on the 'net should seriously consider getting onto it. It is not difficult. It's certainly easier than using a code radio was years ago and you don't have to hoist an antenna up the nearest tree. There are quite a few of us on it already and we are bouncing old company photos around, arranging get togethers, swapping yarns, etc. By the way, it looks like a bunch of us will get together at the 75th Assn party in Savannah next year.

Some of the people on the A/75 server are Mark Ross mwross@indiana.edu, Tom Brizendine tdbriz@gulfnet.com, me, Eric Weber, Gary Crossman, John Jersey ruralfire@aol.com, Richard A Herman, Terry Roderick, Roy Boatman, Bill Bohte, Alan Campbell, Al Fulton, Stan Jones, Eugene Karnish, Darrel Mourning and Hans Zaglauer.

The listserver is a real buzz for catching up with old buddies and a couple of us are working on a newsletter, a website and a unit history.

And there is plenty to work with. V Corps LRRP - A/75 was in existence for 13 years, from 1961 in Wildflecken, Germany to 1974 at Ft Hood, Texas. It was the first Department of the Army authorized LRRP Company in the Army and the most long lived.

DA unit designations came and went like changing licence plates on a car but had little effect on the vehicle, the company mission or its style. There was continuity from beginning to end.

Even after the company name was changed to A/75 Ranger in 1969, the job remained the same and the company never lost its mission to provide LRRP coverage for V Corps in Germany in the event of war there. The Company made annual treks to Germany for the "Reforger" exercises until 1973.

The company origins are not widely known so here are a couple of accounts from people who were there.

Eric Weber says "I was recruited into the outfit in late 1961 when it was still the 3779 Provisional Patrol Co and stationed in the oldest barracks in Wildflecken. I came from Advance Weapons Support Command where I had been assigned to EOD. Prior to coming to Germany I had spent my time with the SF in Ft Bragg and Bad Toelz and been trained as a Surgical Specialist, Intelligence and Operations, and Demo. The company at that time had barely 45 men (getting volunteers wasn't the easiest thing when they were told where they would be and that 8 months in the field would be an easy year) and the barracks heating didn't work plus without a TO&E it got mighty cold. We were the sons of questionable heritage at that time of the 14th ACR which had "admin control" over us, and the only Company in Germany with a Major in command. Without a formal TO&E and tanks we were truly the bastard sons and getting any type of supplies was a major issue.

"On the first field exercise that I participated in, we all wore civvies and everything we had, private weapons, and our field equipment was transported in laundry bags on sleds "borrowed" from the German populace. No rucks, field equipment or winter goodies. Commo was by PRC10 because no other commo means was assigned and the 14th AC only let us have the crap they didn't want. We did well anyway and the 14th AC hated us even worse."

Gary Crossman was one of the earliest LRRPs and recalls how it began. "I was at the 505th Airborne Inf in Wiesbaden and the Personnel Officer came around and told us they were starting up a new recon type unit in Wildflecken and were looking for Airborne, Ranger, Pathfinder and any other special trained people to join it. I had come to Germany from the Pathfinder School where I was an instructor for the course. It did not take me long to sign up. Most of the guys came from the 505 and 504 Abn Inf, some came from leg units so they could get back on jump status."

Early parachute jumps were usually from light fixed wing aircraft piloted by LRRP XO Major Porter from a small runway above the camp at Wildflecken. Mike Martin describes those jumps as "conducted in a carefree, happy-go-lucky manner that was uncharacteristic of the standard Airborne units."

The way LRRPs jumped remained (evidently) highly unusual as Terry Roderick describes.

"I remember coming to the Company from Jump School and the word was the D/17th LRP's were some crazy jokers and the new guys "Cherries" would catch hell on their 1st jump with them, since they all knew you were a new guy. They put us through the mill my friend and I was scared as hell on the aircraft. The whole group was stomping their feet, screaming, pushing back and forth violently, and it was just like bedlam. so loud, you could not hear the Jumpmaster give commands and all the stuff I learned at Jump School just seemed to go out the window with this crazed bunch of guys. Guys were pulling silk out of the packs and dicking around with our equipment. Cut off static lines here and there, the whole shebang !! A guy rode me out the door and scared the crap out of me. I never got the chance to stand in the door and then jump out and up like I had been taught was the only proper way to exit a prop aircraft !! I nearly fell out the door headfirst and on my stomach as the guys behind me began to push so hard and fast as soon as the green light came on. It was crazy, it was wild, it seemed dangerous, it was FUN !! This was not the way I was taught to do it and I felt these fools were messing with my life at the time. We unasssed that whole aircraft so quickly, I was amazed we could do it safely with that pack of lunatics. I guess I need not say I did similar stuff to other new guys who came to us later and became one of those lunatics. I miss those days."

Tom Brizendine recalls another jump. This one at Ft Hood. "I remember coming off maneuvers in Louisiana, getting ready to fly back to Hood, Rangers laying all over the floor of the terminal, eating up everything in the snack bar, passengers having to step over Ranger bodies, Lurch coming by with a tray in each hand. Someone called the Red Cross because we were so dirty, stunk bad and needed shaves. The Red Cross gave us disposable razors to shave with (soap, too)! We caught the C-130 for the jump back into Hood. Duke opens the door and the Drop Zone is full of tanks! We made the jump anyway."

On another note altogether. Mark Ross went to Ft Benning for the Ranger Rendezvous. It was the first time he had been back to Benning since Ranger School. He reports that the old Ranger School is gone, replaced by brick buildings. The tower area also looks real different because of newer buildings. He ran into Herbie and Gene "Country" Owens there.

Mark also ran into Roy Bissey at the rendezvous. He and his wife Robin were there and really enjoyed themselves. "According to rumor" Roy has not lost any of his bashfulness and was highly impressed with this new generation of Rangers. (Roy - Mark insisted I put it this way. Have you got something on him?)

Roy A Link, one of the earliest members of the company has recently surfaced on the internet. Will catch up with him later.

Talked to CSM (Ret) Mike Martin on the phone a month ago for the first time in 30 years. He's in good form and maintains contacts with a lot of early V Corps LRRPs, including Col (Ret) Bob Murphy. He doesn't seem all that keen to get on e-mail. He was a SSG Patrol Leader in 2nd Platoon when I knew him in the 60s and is now a member of the Ranger Hall of Fame.

I have been asked several times so, for those older LRRPs who don't know, Louis Bielma Jr, the company's best photographer who took thousands of great black and white photos of operations back in the mid-60s died about 15 years ago.

I caught up with ex 1st platoon scout Garlon M Rogers on the phone recently. Garlon retired as a 1st Sgt some years ago and now lives in St Augustine, FL with his wife Shirley. He's still shy, bashful and retiring. Heheheheheh Does anyone who knows him believe me?

We're both wondering what happened to Ralph Sylvester Cade. Does anybody know?

It was great to run into early V Corps LRRP, Patrol Leader and Company S2 and S3 Eric Weber at a mini-reunion in Northern California in March. He is still married to the lovely Sabine after all these years, currently lives in the Bay Area where he works as an engineer. He did two tours in RVN before getting out. Eric always was resourceful and this time managed to come up with a couple of new company crests at the party. Thanks, Eric. Hadn't seen one in 25 years, since mine were stolen.

Bill Bohte, originally from LA now lives in Sacramento and also made the mini-reunion.

Talked to my ex-Patrol Leader Richard Hoque on the phone a couple of months ago and he teaches high school history in Roseburg, OR. It's good to see someone who actually made some history teaching it. He retired as a 1st Sgt after 20 years in. I don't think I talked him into getting on the net. Funny about that.

And Hans Zaglauer is living in Montana where the job is OK and "the hunting and fishing are great".

John Jersey retired from the Clark County Fire Department last year and is now living in West Virginia with wife, Diana.

Darrel Mourning is now a psych nurse in Wichita.

If anyone else wants to let me know how they are going and what they are up to, please drop me a note on bobmurphy2@compuserve.com. I live in Australia so the phone will set you back but try +613 9534 9693 in your late afternoon so it's daytime here. Thanks, to Doug Keim and Ron Kiser for the work as Unit Rep for the past 12 years!!!

VII CORPS LRRP - C/58 LRP - B/75



COMPANY B (RANGER), 75TH INFANTRY - FT. CARSON COLORADO

Brother Rangers, I am new to the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, but not new to Rangers. I did 3 tours in Vietnam, one with the 1st Cav and two with 5th Special Forces. I was with Co. B, 75th at Ft. Carson, Colo from 1971 - 72. We seem to write little on this page of Patrolling. I have a suggestion. As Rangers we were trained to Lead the Way. Most of us have seen combat, and did our jobs well. But what has happened since going back to civilian life?

I am married now for 25 years, we have 5 fine children and many, many grandchildren. I am a retired Civil Engineer, having built Chemical Plants and Off Shore platforms. My question is this. What have you done since taking off the uniform? There is a life after service, and one with which we spend much quality time. Enjoying our families, friends and hopefully each other are just a few to mention. War stories abound. But how about the more personal note of what are you doing now, and what has happened since the service.

Please send your responses to me:

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1ST BN 75TH RANGER REGIMENT

Just returned from Ranger Rendezvous at Fort Benning, Georgia. Spent five days there meeting with old friends and meeting new ones. I was glad to see a lot of the Ranger Families have increased in size. Met many new Ranger families and friends.

Linked up with Ranger Steve Murphy (CW3 Ret) and his son Craig. Steve wanted Craig to see what the other side of the Army was doing, as Craig was raised in the Army Aviation environment. Steve and I were Squad Leaders then Platoon Sergeants in Bravo Company from 1974 until we went our separate ways. We both came back to Charlie Company 1/75, but not at the same time. It was good to know that we could both still drink a "little" beer and still have fun. This time Craig was the designated driver and Brenda got to join us.

The Rendezvous had many of the normal events. The Regimental Mass Tactical Jump was led by a HALO drop by the Regimental RECON, followed by the main body of the Regiment jumping C-130s, 141s and one C-5A. It was very impressive. The next few days were competitions, displays, and Ranger Capability exercises. The young Rangers (as always) were impressive and willing to show us their skills with weapons and hand to hand combative techniques, which are quite a bit different from the body slamming we were used to.

Current and former members of the 1st Battalion were recognized at the Regimental Distinguished and Honorary Inductions. CSM® Martin was inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment. Shelia Dudley, the 1st Battalion Secretary, Mr. Moore, S-4, and MSG Gil Berg (alias General Greb) a former OPFOR Commandant were inducted as Honorary Members. During the Hall of Fame Induction, Doc Donovan was inducted for his years of service and numerous contributions to the Ranger Community, and his heroic deeds during a training accident in Utah. Congratulations to all.

Another former 1st Battalion Ranger I ran into was COL® Ellis (former S-1 and B Company Commander). Also have been in contact on the Internet with Steve Towns, (Platoon Leader, A Company and XO of C Company 75-76) now President and CEO of ASIG (this is the company that provides aircraft services at many airports throughout the US). He employs 3900 people that live up to the Ranger Standard; and MSG® Gary Noble, now a ROTC instructor in Texas.

During the ceremonies, various Ranger Organizations were recognized: WWII Rangers, Merrills Marauders, Ranger Companies of Korea, Viet Nam 75th Ranger Regiment, USARA, and present day Rangers.

CPT (Doc) Greg Bromund (as usual) provided great medical coverage on the drop zone, reporting only one sprained ankle. He covered all the sporting events and the final combatives display at the GREAT Ranger Barbecue. Those Ranger Cooks are the best in the Army. They continue to outdo themselves each time.

To keep us all straight, Terry Roderick, Ranger Erhler and Roy Boatman (75th Ranger Regiment Association) were on hand. Their setup at the Sheraton Hotel was a great display of camaraderie. They were also assisting a family of the Ranger Hall of Fame Inductee.

I welcome any input to this article each quarter. It is your newsletter. Help me get the word out to all our Ranger Buddies from 1st Battalion. Until the next time, keep your powder dry, your hatchet sharp, and your head down. Rangers Lead the Way - **Bill Acebes**
Unit Director



71ST LRP - M/75

Howdy fellow Redcatcher LRRP- Rangers Members;

Good news, I have found two new former members. Luther Ross is living in Cross City, Florida. Also former Company commander 71st LRRP 1968, Donald Tillisch, Fargo, North Dakota. Tillisch found us on the web site. These computers really work! If anyone in our company would care to give me some help, please call. I am computer illiterate and have been trying to do this for about six years as our Representative. If you call I can give you phone numbers of our unit members. Sorry no March articles. I was in the hospital with a bout of pneumonia. Contact me with any photos or articles that you want published in Patrolling. I need you to send it guys. It's all of ours, not mine alone. Seattlebutt on 2000 reunion next summer is July 5-8 downtown Savannah Georgia. Don't know which hotel yet. Watch Patrolling for more info. I have also sent applications for membership to Sgt. Ross and Lt. Tillisch. I would like to thank Sgt. Steve Houghten for his help in locating some former members. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. Maybe this year we can have enough former members for two teams. The last six years we haven't had more than six or so from our unit. Let's start 2000 out good.

F/51ST LRP

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:
Taps:

On 29 June 1999 Plt. Sgt. John Sahm stood the final roll call having succumbed to Lou Gerigs Disease. Jed McGarry sent a letter from F/51st to his only living relative, Agnes Schraeder (a cousin) who is in her 80's. Anyone wishing to send a card may send to her at: 207 S. Main, Cibola TX 78108. Phone: (210) 658-3013. Per 'Speedy', Plt. Sgt. Sahm is reportedly buried at Ft. Sam Houston TX. Prior to his death he requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to organizations researching a cure for this devastating disease. "May God grant this soldier the eternal rest of those who served their country honorably and well".

Reunion News / Business: Dateline Lafayette LA 1999

The following individuals were duly elected by those present at the reunion F/51st LRP. **President for Life:** ISG Walter P. Butts (obviously).

Treasurer/Secretary: Bob Edwards. (Bob's taking over for a grateful Bailey).

Recording Secretary: This new job code goes to Tom 'BA' Grzybowski. Tom will be recording the minutes of reunions, roll calls, etc. Fine by me. Just so he isn't recording anything he shouldn't using 'Psycho's' camera!

Unit Representative: None elected, but, Dave Peace will stay on until one of us relieves him of this duty. If anyone will volunteer, contact Dave. He's requesting extraction.

Next Reunion: By order of ISG Butts, and wisely approved by the troops) the next F-troop reunion will be **next year** at Ft. Bragg/Fayetteville, reportedly the week prior to memorial day. The Boss wants us there at that time as the 82nd ABN is celebrating its 50th anniversary then and it should be one gigantic event. So, start gathering your travelin' cash, make plans, and bring the family.

Reunion / War Stories:

Recording Secretary Grzybowski reported the following; They went to the French Quarter to an oyster bar and totally 'pigged out' on the food. Tom swears he found a real pearl in his oyster(?) They also visited Mulates Cajun Restaurant and realized they were in an AO with a 3 Cajun girl to 1 LRP situation thus exposed to a numerically superior force. With out regard for their own personal safety, they requested to remain on station to further monitor the activities of the girls. They also loved the food, especially the crab.

Speaking of crab, it was reported that some troops went to Lake Martin and did a little 'Crabbin'. One Alligator was sighted in the 15' length range. Unfortunately, Joe Havrilla and Tom Snow were literally attacked by the POW crabs when they tried to stick their hands inside the crab traps.

Jed McGarry wants to know if they caught the crabs before or after they went to Mulates Cajun Restaurant? Dave Peace was reminded of another time Tom Snow caught some crabs at Cu Chi (?) Sorry Tom, blame Dave. And of course they hit the race track, played to horses, lost their shirts. Sounds like a normal good time was had by all who attended.

Documentary Film: Don Hall is in the editing phase of the movie making game and reports that all is going extremely well. Now he's looking for recent photo's of us. So, especially for those who sent him grease paint pictures, send him a recent one to be used as a 'then & now' shot for the film. Lets get with the program and help him come up with a great finished movie product. Send to: Don C. Hall, Long Range Productions, PMB-241, 15600 N.E. 8th Street/Suite B-1, Bellevue WA 98008-3917.

'Wolf Man' Gene Slyzuik checked in from Alaska. Joe Havrilla's going up his way (12 August) to have a mini-reunion with Gene and Ted Godwin. Some big time Alaska fishing is sure to take place. Gene had his entire hip replaced back in July, he's in Anchorage recovering (as opposed to the North Pole) so if anyone wants to talk to him, call.

Corrections: It was brought to my attention that the spelling of former 1LT Gerald McGough's name was in error in the last column. It left this machine correctly as is spelled on the roster in Gary Ford's book "4/4 a LRP's Narrative" and I am at a loss to explain it. Apologies 'Snuffy'.

Editorial: This column is intended as a source of information and a little humor for all the men and families of F/51st (LRP) who may or may not be up on the relatively current events as contained herein. Be advised. I learned from ISG Butts years ago not to have a 'complaint department' and I don't to this day. I'm always looking for Company news or individual news to put in this column. If you have anything to add, please let me know. If you have a complaint, you obviously have a personal problem so call a chaplain, not me! I'm to busy enjoying my life of past and present with our fine group of real live LRP's.

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There was a good turnout from the 1st Bde LRRP's this year at the Ranger Rendezvous at Fort Benning, Ga. They were: John Duffy and his wife Babe from Quincy, MA.; Larry Flanagan from Brockton, MA.; Matty Gentilella from Middle Village, NY.; John (Festus) Gibson from Sarasota, Fla.; Allen Kidd and his wife Diane from Farmington Hills, MI.; Delmer Long and his wife Jo Ann from Harlingen TX.; Bill Manderfeld from Tualatin, OR.; Mort McBain from Schofield, WI.; Emmett Mulroney and his wife Kay from St. Paris, O.; Gary Shellenbarger and his wife Judy from Livonia, MI.; Jerry Vaughn and his wife Peggy from Valleyhead, AL.; and James (Zeke) Zwiebel and his wife Annie from Wapakoneta, O. Our special guest was Renee Thibodeau, Wallace (Rat) Thibodeau's sister and Lee Thibodeau and his wife Robbie, Wallace (Rat) Thibodeau's brother. Renee Thibodeau was made an Honorary member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Assoc. Inc. to represent her brother Wallace. Everyone was amazed at how well we were treated from the young Rangers of today. They treated us with respect and were interested in our stories. We thank the Base Commander for the great activities that took place while we were there. Thanks for the Great Time!! Emmett Mulroney

**IT'S TIME FOR
A GOOD OLD
MACRO-
BREW.**

IT'S MILLER TIME.

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9TH DIV LRRP - E/50 LRP - E/75 RANGER

Our Reunion celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the 75th Rangers will be over by the time you read this. In the next issue we will have a complete report on the Echo Lurps and Rangers in Dallas. We hope to lay out the business we conducted and announce our new officers at that time.

Also, as Hiram "Big Jonsey" Jones asks, please keep two people very important to Echo in your prayers: Edie and Roy Nelson are in need of our prayers. Each one of us need to commit to prayer on their behalf.

I first met Roy Nelson at the replacement center in Bearcat, Vietnam. He was there recruiting for the 9th Division Long Range Patrol. He was very positive about the mission they had been given, building the 9th Division LRRP.

Over the next 10 or so months I had the privilege to serve with the best First Sergeant money could buy. He ran missions, disciplined those of us that messed up, and trained us to be the very best.

Since Vietnam I have had the honor to meet Roy's wife Edie at a couple of the reunions. She is an extension of what Roy stands for. They both exhibit strength and confidence in what they are about. A reflection of Roy from Vietnam.

Today they are facing an even greater challenge. Edie has pancreatic cancer which is terminal. Both Edie and Roy have a strong faith in Jesus Christ, knowing He will be with them through this challenge. I just thank God I was given the privilege to know Edie and to serve with Roy, both truly great people. May God bless you both! We love you both, Hilan and Delores Until after Dallas, Hooah!! **Chip Capps** Unit Director

D/75



Team ??? Company D (Ranger), 75th Infantry
Steve Meade (2nd from, left)

2ND BN 75TH RANGER REGIMENT

I want to thank Pat McElrath for his time and efforts on behalf of our association and particularly the 2nd Ranger Battalion. Thanks Pat for a job well done.

We are looking at publishing a newsletter for the young ones, post-Vietnam era that is, including the old scroled Rangers through the current Regiment. So if any of you have any ideas or wish to have some input feel free to contact either your unit directors or me directly. My information is listed below. The newsletter will probably be published twice a year for starters — any and all help, including financial donations, will be greatly appreciated.

We could use some help with the website's history section — **75thangers.org**. What we need are combat pictures and stories of all eras. If you have a strong interest in Francis Marion, for example, and wish to write a few pages on his contribution to Ranger history, contact us. Or if you participated in Panama, write up a story and we will post it. If you have photos, we'll scan them for you and return them if you desire it. So if you have anything you wish to share contact us. Remember this is your association and your website.

And I would to thank Darby Ranger and photographer Phil "Snapdragon" Stern for providing 70 pictures of the original 1st Ranger Battalion from Scotland through Sicily. You can view these extraordinary photos on our website. For all of you who don't know — check the QM store on-line at **75thangers.org** — you can find some super cool silver 2nd Bat coins — old scroll. Get them before they sell out. Our goal should also be to increase membership. So tell your buddies to join and make sure that you are paid up on your dues. It maybe a bit early, but start planning for the reunion, which will be held in Savannah in 2000.

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columns and articles.
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3RD INF DIV LRRP

Wow! Talk about cutting it close, I almost didn't make Roy's deadline. I didn't think I was going to make it because my wife, Gloria and I sold Casa McGeek in July and had only 30 days to pack and hat up. We couldn't have done it without the help of Errol Hansen (D/151, N/75) and George Peoples (an ex-squid). We moved into an apartment last week and it took PacTel 2 weeks to finally get my telephone and internet connections hooked up. Anyway, the 3rd ID Lurps have also had their ups and down as well. Dan Ochoa is well on his way to recovery after his fall last April while practicing PLFs off my back deck and Buck Sayers is recovering from a heart attack (I think he thought he was going through Ranger School instead of his son, Kurt).

O.K., now for some LRRP stuff. After our unit was disbanded in the Summer of 1964, most of us rotated back to the States and left the service. But not all of us. Many of our guys went on to serve in Vietnam and had distinguished military careers. For those of us who got out after one tour, we mostly put our military service behind us and went on with our lives. A few of us kept in contact during the mid-1960's, but by the '70's we had all gone our separate ways. One thing we always wondered about was whether or not the Army still had any LRRP units? There was very little in the newspapers of the time about Lurps or Rangers, and it wasn't until well after the war that anything began to be published.

Hence, it was back around 1967 that I received the first and only newspaper article that I can recall ever seeing about a Lurp (the newspaper called him a "Recondo"). George "Skip" Algeo sent it to me from New Jersey. Some of you may know this guy who served with the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division:

"JERSEY 'RECONDO' A VIET JUNGLE HERO"
"Special to the Star-Ledger"

"ON THE CAMBODIAN BORDER—Sgt. Donald Reinhardt, 21, of 445 Independence Drive, Burlington, New Jersey is going to come home with at least a Bronze Star for valor and possibly a Silver Star.

Reinhardt, a draftee and former truck driver has been recommended for at least one of these medals for his exploits along the border as a commando with the 1st Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division. They don't call men like Reinhardt Commandos in this war. The new word is Recondos which means that men like Reinhardt are members of long range reconnaissance platoons.

PRICE ON HEADS

These men who wear camouflaged berets and jungle fatigues are dropped behind enemy lines and told to find them, report by radio what they see but avoid making contact with them. It was while trying to avoid contact with the enemy that Reinhardt distinguished himself in the jungles along the Cambodian border. 'Not only aren't we supposed to make contact with the enemy, but there's a price on our heads. They'd like to get us so they could parade us through their villages,' Reinhardt said.

Recently, the young soldier who had volunteered to be a Recondo

and was the only one of six in his group who was accepted, was out with three other men on a 72-hour patrol through the impenetrable mountainous jungle that makes up most of Vietnam.

WHISPERED DATA

'We were sitting on a ledge about 50 feet from the jungle floor when we spotted a 40-man platoon of North Vietnamese regulars moving by below us,' Reinhardt recalled. The reconnaissance patrol kept their cool, which is probably why they're all going to be decorated.

Pulling out pencils and paper, the men began noting down everything the enemy was wearing or carrying. They passed the sheets notes over to their radioman, who in a whisper, relayed the information back to brigade headquarters. In this way U.S. forces were able to identify a North Vietnamese division and the arms and equipment it had brought with it into South Vietnam. After squatting on the ledge for 45 minutes, Reinhardt and his buddies had gotten all the information they needed and it was (time) to get out.

But there were only two ways to get out...either climb straight up the mountain they were on, or attempt to outflank the enemy. The Americans decided to outflank the enemy. 'We almost made it when a squad of about 12 of them spotted us and the chase was on,' Reinhardt recalled. For three hours the chase continued. There were no paths in the jungle and both the Americans and the North Vietnamese had to move in single file.

The American point man hacked his way through the jungle heading for the banks of the nearby Se Son River where a helicopter they had called would get them out. Reinhardt, who was assistant patrol leader, also served as tail gunner during the chase. He brought up the rear of the column, running backwards during the chase, his automatic rifle ready to blast the enemy and buy time for his buddies if the North Vietnamese should ever make an appearance.

They were about 100 meters behind us and I could hear them breathing hard all the time. Their point man was following the trail we made but widening it a little. And for 180 agonizing minutes the chase continued...a single file of Americans followed after a space of 300 feet by 12 highly skilled North Vietnamese regulars."

I have kept this newspaper article for over 30 years in the hopes of someday finding out why these NVA regulars were such heavy breathers (the patrol could hear their breathing from 100 meters away). I suspect it might have been because they were very fat (the NVA point man had to widen the trail made by the Americans). In any event, this was the only article I ever saw on Long Range Patrol operations in Vietnam until I discovered Gary Linderer's books and those by other LRRP/Rangers. Don Reinhardt, if you're out there, drop me a line and I'll send you the article. Mike McClintock, Unit Director

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1ST DIV LRRP - E/52 LRP - I/75

The seventeenth annual Best Ranger Competition was held from May 7 through May 10, 1999. The competition is open to all branches of the armed forces and is designed to challenge two man teams both physically and mentally with not much rest offered during the three day event.

On hand to observe the events this year were Noble Cox of I Co. 75th Infantry Rangers, Ralph Moss of D Co. 151st Rangers and Gene Gray of D Co. 151st LRP. Noble and Ralph did combat tours as PSGs in Vietnam while Gene did a combat tour with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. It was both nostalgic and exciting for these men to be back on post.

Noble wrote of the experience, "Although Gene had been back to Benning in 1997 this was the first time Ralph had returned since he shipped out in 1968. He was amazed at the amount of changes that had occurred on post and how young the new Rangers were. Or maybe it's how old the "Old Rangers" have become. We checked into our room and headed for the TOC to hook up with Terry Roderick, Roy Boatman, Duke Dushane, Rick Ehrler and others. It was good to see old Ranger buddies over the weekend and to watch the new generation of Rangers in action. Makes you want to be young again --- well almost. We had a great time and hope to be there next year to cheer the Rangers on to Victory. Old Rangers Can Still Lead The Way." Noble Cox

I'd like to welcome Roger Anderson as the new F/52 LRP, I/75 Ranger Unit Director. He did his tour in Vietnam in 1967. I know that he will represent the men and women of our unit in true Ranger fashion. Thanks for having allowed me to serve I/75 again. RLTW Barry Morse Unit Director

It was a privilege to have Barry serve as the unit director and I can only hope to carry on and continue the good works of him and the Buzzard (Bob Busby). Speaking of the Best Ranger Competition, every time I watch it I say to myself "Me and Charley (Hartsoe) can win that." Actually Charley is still in good enough shape to be competitive he was Mr. North Carolina a few years back. I seem to forget that I have packed on 50 Lbs since those thrilling days of yesteryear. We could certainly run, Sgt Morton had no problem running us around Lai Khe during TET. I'm sure him and Charley would not come in last if they competed. I am going to make an effort to track down those people who are missing from our rolls and to also attempt to bring in men who have chosen to stay away. I am also determined to get Sgt Rudolph Nunez (DSC P) at least nominated to the Ranger Hall of Fame. For some reason we have an extremely low number of people who served prior to 1967 and I am going to try to start tracking them down. I would especially like to hear from the people who were there at the start up of the original company. They are the ones who had the real OJT and who's lessons were handed down to us. Then there is the issue of Greg Bennet, whom I think should be publicly whipped for dropping the rifle that made me famous under a tank. More importantly, this is 1999, I have the E-mail address's of only a few people I need more. I should be done with school by December and I hope to put together some kind of company homepage. RLTW Roger Anderson Unit Director

25TH DIV LRRP - F/50 LRP - F/75 RANGER**VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY RECOGNIZING SFC ALVIN FLOYD, F/75:**

CSM Jim Hussey, US Army (Ret) P/75, Military-Veteran Affairs Advisor, 10th Congr District - GA, writes: "the ceremony recognizing SFC Alvin Floyd is scheduled for 1:00PM, Nov 11th (Thur), 1999, at Augusta's Heroes Overlook which is located at 10th St & Riverwalk next to the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel in Downtown Augusta. Right now he is the only one whose plaque is being installed this year at the Heroes Overlook which displays all of Augusta's Military Hero Recipients of the Medal of Honor, DSC and Navy Cross. For additional details right from the horse's mouth as we get closer to the ceremony, Jim's e-mail address and phone number are: // phone (706) 733-7066 // Of course, I will relay any info which Jim transmits. Gene Garner, Mel Linville, several of the mission survivors and other close friends of SFC Floyd are planning to attend. Any Rangers in the area are most welcome.

BOOK REPORT: "CENTAUR FLIGHTS."

I would like to call your attention to an excellent book by former Centaur "Snake driver" Richard D. Spalding who writes about his tour of duty flying Cobra gunships as a member of Delta Troop, 3/4 Cav. The cover arrested my attention: I saw a Cobra with those big shark teeth painted on the nose and I knew the ship had to be a Centaur snake. Everyone who served with us owes Centaur big time. They saved our bacon on numerous occasions - it seems like it was just about daily - at all those familiar landmarks: the Michelin rubber, Nui Ba Dinh, "Rocket City," "Big Rubber" and "the Straightedge" on the Cambodian border, the Boi Loi woods, the Vam Co Dong, the Parrot's Beak, etc. etc. The only negative aspect of Spalding's exciting manuscript is that he had the audacity to say, "LRRPS are nuts!" I'm certain that many of you can still remember the call signs of Centaur pilots who flew in support of you; I know I can. Thanks again, guys, we will always be indebted to you and we won't forget

MINI-REUNION HERE IN McKENNA.

US Army CPT Tom Cahill and his wife Patricia plan to visit Merry Anne and I later this month when they enter their son Brian in college. Tom is back on active duty again, thirty years after his wartime service in F/75, this time in the medical field. He's getting quite an education, and knowing Tom, he probably won't stop until he becomes a brain surgeon. Great stuff Tom, more power to you. Can't wait to see you & yours again.

A REMINDER TO "STAY IN THE NET!"

Please keep Co. F and the 75th Association current on your address and phone number; and stay on the lookout for our "lost souls." If you have any news, please relay it to me and I will publish it in Patrolling, or get it into "The Pointman," or on the Net. And check out our website at www.lrrp.com, it's excellent. If you have photos or material for the website, suggest you forward that directly to our webmeister, David Regenthal, or send it to me, and I'll get it to him. Thanks, David, & "Keep Up the Fire!" Ron Harrison, Unit Director

The best place to start is at the beginning. I think I read that in the Ranger Handbook 101 back in 1936; so here we go. June 16th, 1999 found my wife and I leaving for the much awaited reunion of Company P/75 Rangers to be held in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. This event was put together by our Unit Director, Ranger Jim Femiano, with the able assistance of Ranger Larry Smith, who lives in nearby Asheville, NC.

As people started checking in, one couldn't help but realize how ugly these old Rangers have gotten. Of course, they weren't too pretty 30 years ago either. It is always good to see the wives, children, grandchildren and girlfriends and boyfriends that these old Rangers bring along with them. Those in attendance were the following: Rangers Terry Roderick, Jim Femiano, Larry Smith, Jerry Yonko, Ted Tilson, Dave Gates, Eddie Johnston, Jay Lutz, Dan Hobson, Ken Emmick, Steve Loggins, James Hussey, Thomas Wilson, myself, and many family and friends. Mary Walsh of CBS News even came down for a day from the Washington, D.C. area to spend some time with us. Altogether, we must have had at least thirty-five people, all looking for a good time. There are many activities in the Maggie Valley area. Gambling at the nearby Indian Reservation in Cherokee, NC., horseback riding, bungee jumping, a ghost town, etc., etc. I must add that one of Jay Lutz's daughters wanted to combine the bungee jumping with the horseback riding, but the horse wouldn't go for it. The long awaited event we all were looking forward to came soon enough. White Water Rafting !!

Now some of you may remember that I stated I would not get in a raft with Roy Boatman unless I had a death wish !! Well no sooner do we arrive at the launch site, when Dave Gates starts giving orders (I guess he forgot he retired from the Army). So he says, "Duke lets you and I, Boatman, Smitty, and Hussey get in the first raft". Afraid that Dave might be having flashbacks about his days in service, I did what he said. Right away, I knew we were in trouble !! As I stated, we got in the first raft, Gates and Hussey in front, followed by Smitty and I, with Boatman and the guide in the rear. As I look up, I see all of the other rafts going down the river, and we are still on the beach. Dave is sharp as a tack as he tells Boatman to get out of the raft so we can get off the beach. Once this is done, Roy gets back in somehow. Again, I can't help but notice that the other rafts are riding level in the water, while ours looks like its trying to do a wheelie !! For those of you who don't know about white water rafting, whenever two rafts pass each other a water battle does take place. Once again, Dave is sharp, as he and Hussey duck, Smitty and I feel like we are going down with the Titanic. Meanwhile, Boatman is behind us paddling with his plastic leg. Because of all the weight in our raft, we were able to pass all the other rafts and finish first. There was one side note to this event. Behind us in the "Lutz Family Raft", one of the passengers was launched out of the raft and into the water. I never did get the true story on this. Jay said it was because his future son-in-law wasn't paddling hard enough!! You all remember how testy Jay used to get !! When we beached our raft at the end of the trip Boatman fell out, leaving the rest of us to carry the raft over our heads up the hill to the trailer. If you remember who I was with, then you'll know when they lifted the raft to carry it up the hill, it was two feet over my head, so that turned out pretty good for me personally. While everyone else changed into dry clothes for the trip back to the hotel, Boatman and I decided to sit on our wet clothing and ride back with the wind drying us off. That turned out to not be a good idea, as we both arrived with the sniffles. Roy took a good shot of Jack Daniel's to help remedy the situation, while I found a hot Pepsi someone had left out in the sun.

Now it was time for the pig roast in the parking lot. Dan Hobson had volunteered to stay back and guard the pig, but some of us remembered that Dan had some strange habits, so we also got someone to watch Dan. A good time was had by one and all !! It's always great to meet new friends and family members of our Ranger Brothers. A real treat for all of us was linking up again with Ranger Thomas Wilson and his wife, who came in for a couple of days with us. Tom and I had not seen each other in twenty-nine years. He, Smitty, and I had all served on the same team so many years ago. Hats off to Jim Femiano for putting a great reunion together and that brings me to the next subject....

The Ranger Rendezvous 99: This being an off year, we didn't expect many members to be present. Twenty-five rooms were booked at the Airport Sheraton Hotel by the Association, and they were filled easily. Some of those in attendance were Past President Rick Ehrler, Secretary Roy Boatman and his lovely wife Joyce, President Terry Roderick and his lovely daughter Cindy, Buck Anderson and his lovely wife Jan, and many, many more Rangers and their families. All went well and it was another great Ranger gathering. As usual, our President and savior, Terry Roderick, was busy dazzling people with his charm, BS, and grace, which caused much discontent and confusion for all of those present. I did get to see Terry in a very nice suit (he calls it "THE SUIT", with an emphasis on "THE") and tie at one of the dinners. We not only had Rick Ehrler at our table, but we also had the pleasure of the company of Phil Piazza and Roy Matsumoto, both Ranger Hall of Fame Members from Merrills Marauders. The surgeon (he was the doctor for the Marauders) who treated Phil Piazza when he was wounded in Burma and his wife also attended. His name escapes me right now and for that I apologize. I didn't plan on this being so long, but I'm sure there is much I have left out. But anyway, what can you expect from



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Let me first say that anyone who has been out of Battalion for a few years and hasn't made it back to one of the Rendezvous/Reunions should not wait another year. It's a great time to catch up with old Ranger buddies, check out the newest and latest Ranger training and relive some old memories. This year's Ranger Rendezvous held at Ft. Benning in July was no exception. I think Dave Floyd said it most eloquently when he summed up the event as "lots of drinking and some Ranger stuff going on."

Unfortunately, I was at the Rendezvous for a short 24 hours, fortunately I did partake in the former and saw some of the later. All in all I had an incredible time seeing Ranger buddies I haven't seen in years and trading stories of "what are you up to now?". The next is in July of 2000 at 1st Battalion in the lovely resort/bar filled town of Savannah, GA where Rangers are both loved and adored. Personally speaking the highlight of the event was Wednesday evening at the Airport Hanger Bar-b-Que.

As some of you may or may not know, Regiment has implemented a martial arts training program throughout the battalions. The world renown Gracie brothers out of Seattle have been going around to each battalion teaching Brazilian Ju Jitsu. The Gracie's have gotten a lot of attention by winning those "no holds barred" fighting matches you can watch on pay per view TV. Needless to say somebody in Regiment was watching these things and thought this is perfect for Ranger training.

Wednesday night at the hanger was the culmination of the Regimental tournament. My former roommate and Somalia Ranger presently at 2nd Batt., SGT Schleif was in the finals. Looking meaner then ever, especially when he took his front tooth out for the fight he grappled against another 2nd Batt Ranger. (I was scheduled to fight that night in the fat-guy category against Jeff Young, however I sustained a bad shoulder injury while reaching for a cheese burger before the match) In the end Schleif got caught in the triple Lindey of Ju Jitsu moves and lost. As the saying goes "when the going gets tough, the tough go drinking" and Schleif was truly tough that night. In fact, he was so distraught at losing that match, he was last seen late that night leaving the bar at the Sheraton with a Rangerette to go practice some grappling/JuJitsu moves back at her place. I have feeling he won that match, God Bless'em!

Secondly, Wednesday night was also the book signing for Black Hawk Down by all the Somalia vets. We had a great showing of Rangers for a great cause. The reason for this was to sign about 150 books and then auction them off on-line at Ebay, with the proceeds to go towards needy Special Operations families. Look for upcoming details as to when this will happen. Presently the books are making a tour of Task Force 160 for signing. As if this wasn't enough, the actor Robert DeNiro showed up to watch some of the action and greet Rangers. Rumor has it he was also at the Regiment researching Rangers for the movie that is being made out of the book Black Hawk Down. I know you all are as giddy as I am about this.

So many stories, so few lines in the newsletter. A sampling of whose doing what these days; ISGT Watson is stationed with the 101st after a stint over in Australia as the Ranger liaison. MSG Merritt is now at 1st Batt., the "Stebinator", SSG Stebbins is presently screaming cadences over at Sand Hill, CPT Perino is now heading up RRD and few nameless Rangers have gone over the fence as they say. Keep in touch with each other, RLTV, Squigs Unit Director

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Elephants among the perils of 'Nam

Indiana's Company D Rangers, only Guard infantry unit to see combat, are reunited.

by John J. Shaughnessy, Staff Writer

Not every war veteran can share a combat story that involves an exploding land mine and a charging elephant. Then again, not every war veteran has been a part of the Company D Rangers, the Indiana military unit that has a unique and honored place in U.S. history. "There were 12 of us, and I was the team leader that evening," recalls Loren Dixon. "We were out on a patrol at dark, in the jungle, and there were a lot of elephants in the area. One of the elephants found us and charged us." In the split seconds that followed, Dixon and the others fired round after round at the raging animal headed straight at them. When the earth stopped shaking and the air no longer echoes with the rapid gunfire and the exploded land mine, the elephant had collapsed dead near the group. And Dixon, a South Vietnamese scout and another American soldier had to be evacuated by helicopter because of their injuries. "There was nothing funny about it then," Dixon says about the incident in Vietnam. "We were fortunate it turned out as well as it did. We laugh about it now, but not too loud."

The Company D Rangers were the only National Guard Infantry unit that saw combat duty during the Vietnam War, and the Indiana group has been back together this weekend for a reunion at Camp Atterbury. So the memories (continued next page)

have come as easily as the smiles that seem to quickly return them to a time 30 years ago. They were all so young then, so innocent, their lives still stretching endlessly before them. When the Rangers were called to active duty in late 1968, Ben Vanderlinden was 28, a young man who had welcomed his first child into the world just a month before. Saying goodbye to his wife and his infant son made his heart ache.

"It was so hard to leave them," says the 58 year old Newburgh resident. "I knew before I left I was coming back - I just had that feeling." Then he pauses and solemnly notes, "Of course, everybody thought they were coming back." Dixon knows the feeling. "It was a state of shock when we got called up," he said. "Even though we were a special unit, we didn't believe the war had escalated to the point they would use the National Guard. I was married six years and it was rough personally to leave. We were scared, but most of the people in the company felt it was their duty to go."

Most of the people in the company couldn't anticipate how their lives would be changed in Vietnam. For Larry Rhodes, the changes started during his first contact with the enemy. "We got off the helicopter and the enemy was waiting for us," the 52 year old said. "Within three minutes, we were in a big firefight. I was behind this tree, firing my machine gun, and everything was so loud. You couldn't hear anything. Fortunately, no one got hurt; but after it was all over, I looked at the other side of the tree. There was one bullet at my head level and one bullet at my chest level. "I would not give up my experience over there for anything, because of what it's done for me. I would not do it again, either, because of what it's done to me. The Ranger experience taught me nothing is impossible. It gave me the confidence I needed to excel in life. But it's caused a lot of pain in my life, a lot of pain for the people around me. It's been hard for a lot of us to keep married, for a lot of us to keep long-term jobs."

A respect for life

Now, 55 Dixon still remembers the words that greeted him in Vietnam, the words that someone had etched in pencil on a barracks wall: "You've never lived until you've almost died. And for those who have fought for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know." He kept staring at the words until he had them memorized, somehow sensing they would mark the war experience. In the 11 months that the 204 Company D. Rangers spent in Vietnam, the unit made 975 patrols into enemy territory, earning 19 Silver Stars, 123 Bronze Stars and 19 Indiana Distinguished Service Crosses. At a time when National Guard units were resented by regular Army units, the Rangers earned everyone's respect. But the respect came at a heavy price. The Rangers saw four of their own die. "We had all been together a long time and we were very close. We knew each other's families," says Dixon, who earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. "So when one of us died, it was devastating. That was the hardest thing to deal with."

"We got a Ph.D. in life, those of us who survived. I never knew what it was like to be so afraid. I learned more about people, emotions and life in general in one day in Vietnam than in a whole year in the United States."

A bond that lasts

Too many years have passed since the Company D Rangers returned home in 1969 to a welcoming ceremony where the governor spoke and a band played. Too many years have passed since some civilians in airports sneered at these returning veterans, viewing them as the enemy. Too many years have passed, and yet sometimes it seems it was just a month ago when their lives were disrupted and changed forever. Even 30 years later, many of them decline to talk about their war experiences to a stranger. What they will talk about are the bonds that formed between them. The bonds that brought them back to the reunion this weekend. The relationship between Loren Dixon and Stephen Justus is typical. When they first started training in the Company D Rangers, the two men barely knew each other. Yet their lives would be connected forever after their first contact with the enemy. Justus was wounded by shrapnel, and Dixon helped him to the helicopter to be evacuated to a hospital.

"Have you ever missed your family for a long time?" asks Justus, a 51 year old Indianapolis resident. "That's what it's like when you don't see some of these guys. Everybody separated for a long time, trying to sort out everything in our heads. Now, there's a lot of unity. I think it's because we're getting older. Loren and I go back a long way. It's a different kind of friendship with him, a brotherly thing."

Dixon speaks with the same reverence for Justus, for all the Company D Rangers.



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Bubbles' last Mission

Sergeant John Dane and I were in the Americal Rangers. We volunteered about the same time for LRRP duty in the company back in 1968. We also kept on extending for six at a time. John left the Company on a MACSOG detail in late 1968 or maybe he PSC'd to Special Forces, like another buddy of mine that also went to SF and returned after a time.

I was on Team Montana down at Due Pho. I was transferred back to Chu Lai and became the Company Commander's Driver because I was due for DEROS in two months. John Dane came back to the company in 1969 and was given the go ahead to form a 12 man Hunter/Killer Team during early 1970. John asked me to go out with him. I thought about it and requested to go. However, the Company Commander vigorously objected due to my upcoming PCS and in his own words he said, "I'm trying to keep you alive and you are trying to get yourself killed. But, if you're really set on it, this is your last mission." I agreed and started packing my ruck. We inserted by helicopter at 1700 hours on this eventful evening and, as usual, I was the rear security on the team.

Traveling in a modified Ranger file with twelve people makes the control factor seem harder to communicate and signal due to the spread out nature of the patrol. To add to the difficulty, we had ARVN Rangers in our stick. We were in the mountains northwest of Tam Ky, I Corps combat zone. We landed, exiting the aircraft and set up a hasty perimeter waiting out our fifteen minutes to look, listen and orientate ourselves. It was foggy as we made our way up; the climb wasn't too bad. We hit an open depressed area. I heard voices, I thought it was two of the ARVN's talking. Then mortar rounds started coming in on our team. The voices were now all around us. We started receiving enemy small arms fire. The voices were now yelling back and forth. One of the ARVN's said they are saying "don't kill them, shoot to wound, we need to capture as many as possible." I guess Dane, aborted the mission and called for gunship support and extraction birds. We were in an ambush of a differ kind. We weren't to be wiped out but to be captured as POW's. As the fight continued I viewed the assault on our team, I still maintained a vigil to our rear. Out of nowhere, a cobra helicopter gunship appeared about twenty five feet to our rear at eye level. I could see the minigun barrels clear as day. It was as if we were staring each other down. Maybe he didn't see me? When he let go of his two rockets I had to duck, they passed over my head and exploded on the folks that aimed to capture us. The bird moved higher and circled firing more rockets. The extraction birds came and we started running to get out of a bad situation. As I ran toward the birds, a Vietnamese was running next to me. I looked over at him and saw him fall, maybe he was shot? The guy had a grenade in his hand, at any case, I continued running and got on the bird giving cover to the others running to the birds. It was at that time that I realized the guy running beside me was the enemy, an NVA soldier, trying to take out the helicopters with a grenade.

This mission was a failure, but obviously our past missions got their attention as to who was finding them and bringing fire on

their asses, so much so, that they were trying to capture any of us as a big prize. Surprisingly enough during this operation, we didn't lose one man. Here we were boxed in and we foiled their ambush.

In August 1999 at our buddy's house in Virginia, Rangers John Starnes, Ben Thomas and I made this discovery as to the way all this happened like it did. I am thankful to God that I was at Ben's house talking to my buddies and not on black granite as so many of my Ranger comrades. Steve (Bubbles) Franklin E/51 & G/75



**F/51ST (LRS) FIRING DETAIL
AT THE MOVING WALL DT. BRAGG, NC
FOR CEREMONY HONORING
THE KIA'S FROM E/20TH LRP - C/75 &
173RD LRRP - 74TH LRP - N/75**

The association and the the men from the above units would like to thank F/51st for the great job they did for us. They were sharp and professional!

Reunion After Action Report:

The reunion recently held here at Ft. Bragg/Fayetteville was attended by the following members: RICHARD D.JAMES, ROY BOATMAN, PATRICK TADINA, RICHARD WALDRIDGE, DOUGLAS NUNNALLY III, PHILLIP S.KOSSA, JOHN P. LAWTON, JAMES E. NUTTER, THOMAS R.ECKHOFF, ANDREW LOVE, LEE ROY PIPKIN, FLETCHER RUCKMAN, HAL HERMAN, MICHAEL TARDIF, JOE KESHLEAR, TERRY ZIEGENBEIN, MICHAEL STAFFIN, DAVID A.MOLONEY, WEYMOUTH DERBY, PETER F. LYNCH, WILLIAM T.PALMER. Seven of the men were first timers and all said they would be back again after the warm welcome by all of us oldsters. Our unit T-shirts were given to first time attendees and I had ordered 26 of the Polo shirts that were all sold. Joyce took orders at the reunion and has since sent out 5 more shirts with our units embroidered on them. The drawing for the Wall Hangings went well and we made \$600.00 for the "Special Fund." The winners of the drawing were: Doug Nunnally, Jim Nutter and John Lawton. Congratulations to all three of you, the wall hangings were shipped shortly after the reunion.

We had our company dinner on Thursday at a place we had reserved just for us. With wives and guests, we had 63 people for the meal. We all individually introduced ourselves and then John Lawton took the floor. He kept us laughing for the rest of evening. His apology for breaking my wife's glasses last year was hilarious and then being the good Irishman that he is presented me with a bottle of scotch, thinking that is what he drank last year in my room. I don't even like scotch, I drink Jack Daniels and that was part of the fun of it all.

On Friday we went to the "Moving Wall" and the names of our dead were called. F/51st (LRS) provided the firing detail and bugler for the ceremony. They were absolutely great and added much to this solemn ceremony. I held up pretty well for the reading of the names, but TAPS always gets to me.

Saturday included the Banquet with the entire 173rd. Over 1200 people sat down to a dinner and speech by the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, Hugh Shelton. The 82nd Abn Chorus provided the entertainment.

All in all it was a good turnout and I had a great time, especially meeting the 1st timers. Even got to see Peter Lynch who served with KIL0 team at the same time as myself. Other KIL0 team alumni were Tom Eckhoff, Phil Kossa, Hal Herman and Jim Nutter.

On Sunday it was off to Ft. Benning and the Hall of Fame Induction of Santos Matos. Santos's wife and two children were there and his widow accepted the medallion. They had driven up from Florida the day before and were headed back that evening so I didn't get much time to talk to them. I hadn't saw the kids since they were very young and to see them all grown up was a bit of a shock for me.

Notes: We hope that Moose Murray's mother is doing better. Ridgerunner and Moose were coming to the reunion but Moose's mother got sick. Terry Ziegenbein has a son who has recently entered West point, congratulations to son and to the father who is very proud. I heard from Lee Roy Pipkin and he made it home (Calif) okay, the borrowed camper he was driving kept breaking down along the way. In June Bill Nissen was in town for a "Tracking School" he was teaching out at Camp Makall. Sam Schiro was also in town so I called Phil Kossa and we all ate together at dinner that evening. Well it seems that Phil Kossa is going to be reassigned from Ft. Bragg and he will be greatly missed by me and the family. It's been great having my ATL around for close to five years now. Don't know where he's going yet. The "TEAMS" newsletter will be out shortly and I'll cover more of our activities in the newsletter. The pictures below are of the Firing detail from F/51s (LRS)t and of our group paying tribute to our fallen comrades. **Roy Boatman**, Unit Director



REUNIONS - UPCOMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

75TH RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION REUNION 5 - 8 JULY 2000 SAVANNAH/HAAF, GA

This is our reunion and we are looking for a great turnout. The membership voted to have the reunion at Savannah, at the general membership meeting in 1998. Dan Pope is our man on the ground, doing the coordination and work. We are giving a ten month lead time for all of you to make your plans and reservations as soon as possible. The schedule listed below is tentative at best and changes will no doubt occur in the future. The dates will not change. Our reunions are family oriented so please feel free to bring your family and enjoy all that Savannah has to offer before and after the reunion.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday (5 July)

Early Arrivals
Registration
Hospitality Room Open

Thursday (6 July)

Registration
Open House (1st Battalion)
BBQ
Hospitality Room Open

Friday (7 July)

General Membership Meeting
Tours
Banquet (evening Hours)

Saturday (8 July)

Unit Dinners
Tours
Hospitality Room Open

**MAKE YOUR PLANS TO
ATTEND. IF YOU CAN ONLY
MAKE ONE EVENT THIS
YEAR, THIS IS THE ONE!**

(SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS)

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "AIRBORNE RANGER" 4 - 7 OCT 2000 COLUMBUS/FT. BENNING

This event is in addition to the Association reunion that will be held at Savannah in the Summer of year 2000. Hosts will be the Ranger Infantry Companies (Airborne) of Korea (RICA)

Schedule of Events

Wed 4 Oct

1600 Ranger Hall of Fame induction and activities
1830 RICA hosted Barbeque at Hanger 2492 Lawson Field.

Thurs 5 Oct AIRBORNE DAY

0930 Airborne 5000, Silver Wings parachute team jump, 34' tower, swing land trainer and mock door, Visit Airborne Walk Monument, attend Airborne class graduation and perform wing pinning.

1700: Retreat Parade including Airborne Ranger veterans: After passing reviewing party RICA and other Airborne Ranger Associations swing off line and take review as part of reviewing party.

FRI 6 Oct: RANGER DAY

1000: Rangers in action demonstration, Class graduation, Ranger veterans award tabs and RTB Open House.

1900 or 2000 (to be determined) Night Memorial Service at Ranger Monument. This service will include pipes and drums, buglers, Inf Ctr Band, solo vocalists and a choir. During this service we will lay a memorial wreath at the Sykes Knife. The wreath will be laid by RICA

Sat 7 Oct:

1300 Rehearsal for participants in Ceremonial Banquet.

1800— (to be determined) Cocktails at

Columbus Iron Works, followed by Ceremonial banquet in main hall. Full ceremony of the Ranger Bowl, dinner, pipes and drums and other musical organizations perform. We are developing an audio visual sound and light show to accompany the narration of the first 50 years of the Airborne Rangers. At the close of the evening we will have a grand finale exit to another room where big band dancing will go on for several hours.



BIẾT - ĐỘNG - QUÂN

A reunion and memorial ceremonies are being organized for Vietnamese Ranger Advisors and Vietnamese Rangers (Biết Động Quân - BDQ). The events are planned for Veterans' Day Weekend, 11-12 November 2000, in Washington, D.C.

We will gather to recognize and honor the sacrifices of our fallen brothers and to share Ranger camaraderie and fellowship. We will also be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of the BDQ as well as the 5th anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnamese Ranger and American Ranger Advisor Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery.

All former Vietnamese Ranger Advisors and Vietnamese Rangers are cordially invited to attend. We particularly welcome as our special guests, family members of our comrades who were killed while serving as Ranger Advisors.

POC:

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Bobby Jackson, e-mail: bjackson@nma.org
Mike Martin (931/455-3824)

NEW MEMBERS - MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NAME	UNIT
ALAN F. JENSEN	425TH LRSU
CHARLES V. EADS	D/151
THOMAS B. BESSER	F/75
DOUGLAS MILLER	2/75
CHRIS JORDAN	A/1/75
GARY CROSSMAN	V CORPS LRRP
ROBERT NICHOLS	B/3/75
SPC MCMAHON	H/1/75
CHARLES NULSEN	BDQ
RONALD PAYNE	BDQ
RICHARD W. POTTER	BDQ
ANDREW GIORDANO	3/4th CAV LRRP
STEPHEN D. FOOTE	A/2/75
GORDON KEISER	BDQ
JAMES C. WILLIAMS	C/2/75
PETE HUSTON	HHC/75
KENT BAILEY	C/2/75 & HHC/2/75
JOHN HOLECEK	BDQ
HARRIS L. PARKER	BDQ
DAVID HILL	F/52
JASON A. LIEFER	C/3/75
RICHARD E. TILMAN	A/1/75
THOMAS WARE	BDQ
JOHN C. READE	BDQ
SEAN P. CARD	C/1/75
RUSSELL E. DILLON	P/75 & F/51 LRP
RAUL M. HURTADO	C/2/75
WEYMOUTH DERBY	173RD LRRP
ROBERT RAMEY	D/151
WILLIAM PERE	BDQ
SVEN HENRIKSEN	N/75
WALTER SANDERS	BDQ
LAWRENCE O. BASHA	A/2/75 & 3/75
THOMAS T. ZARUBA	173RD LRRP
KENNETH D. HARDY	L/75
JAY P. KENNEDY	B/3/75
EDUARDO TINOCO	A/3/75
CHESTER N. GOLDEN	C/75
MARK W. TURNER	C/1/75
CHRIS DONAHUE	C/2/75
AARON M. RUBIN	B/2/75
LOUIS O. CONSTANTINI	BDQ
KEITH N. PHILLIPS	L/75 & H/75
STEVEN H. MACOMBER	N/75
DINO MEYER	C/1/75
JAN A. LEE	L/75
TERRANCE D. McKINNEY	K/75
JIM TULLY	C/3/75
GARY CARPENTER	HQ/75
KEVIN CURRAN	D/151 & D/75
RODNEY CLARKE	A/2/75
CLEVELAND H. EGELSTON	F/75
TEDDY HAMILTON	C/75
PETER F. LYNCH	N/75
ANTHONY J. NEWTON	B/2/75
BILL J. WILSON	B/75

NAME	UNIT
MICHAEL P. SHANE	B/2/75
JAMES HOWELL	C/1/75
GLYNN J. HALL JR.	K/75
JOHN C. CRUDEN	BDQ
WILLIAM L. EBERLE	G/75
JOHN F. RICHARDSON	C/2/75
JOHN R. DUFFY	4TH DIV LRRP
NICK POSDNIAKOFF	4TH DIV LRRP
JAMES T. MARLOW	H/75
DENNIS J. MURPHY	HHC/75
THOMAS L. BRIZENDINE	A/75
JAMES C. KINNEY	C/1/75
WILLIAM P. ANDREWS	C/2/75

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